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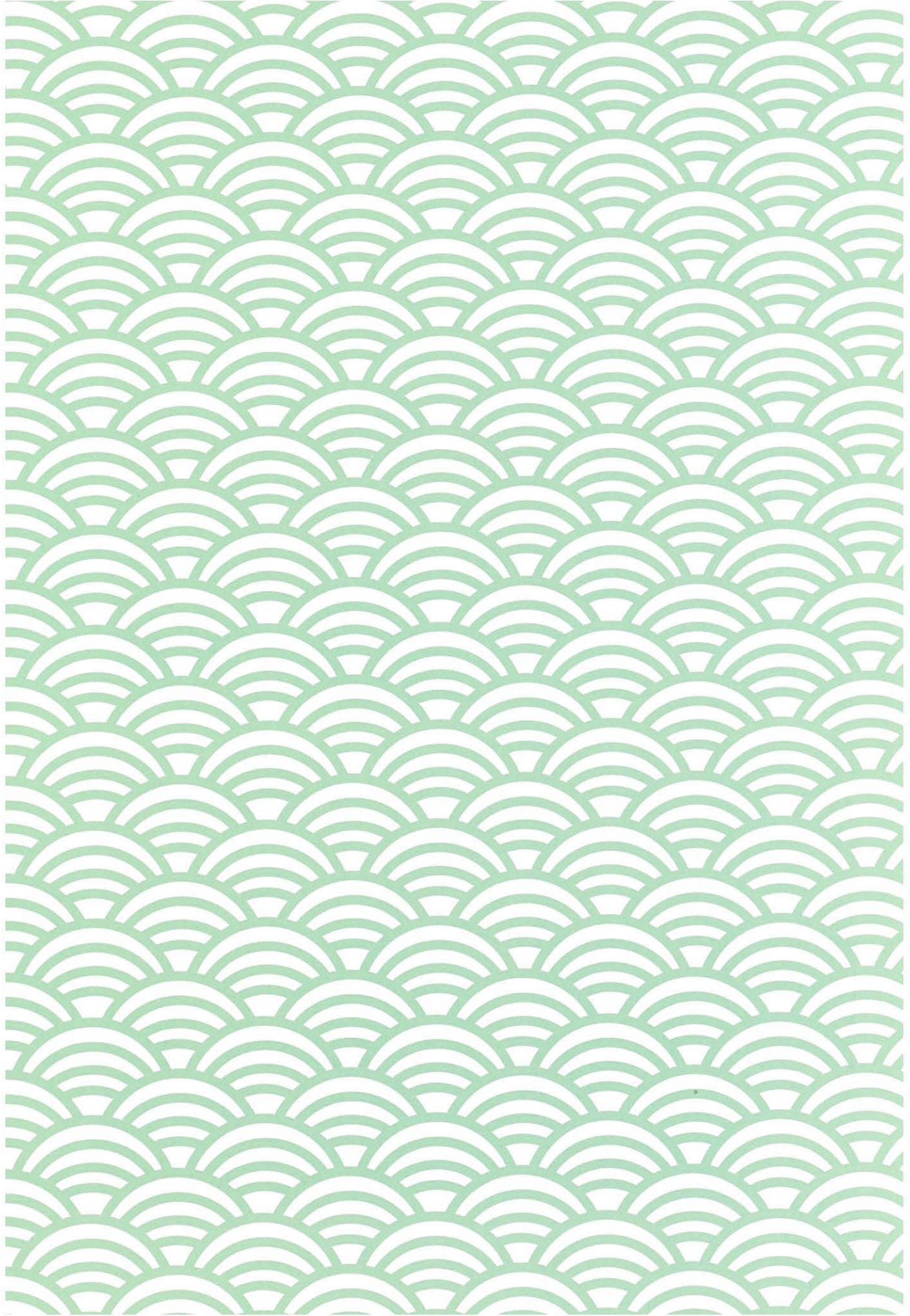
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people







# leaders

NNU is blessed with a group of fantastic leaders. Our leaders use their time to invest in student's lives and make the experience here the best that it can be; they include President Alexander, the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and on-campus leaders. Along with making important decisions about the future of NNU, these leaders touch the lives of students every day. Whether it is a smile from Amanda Marble on the way to the Dex, or a handshake from the President himself, the leaders of NNU truly care about the students and our campus would not be the same without them.

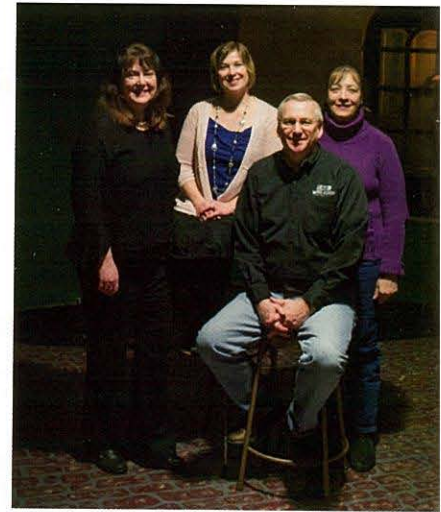




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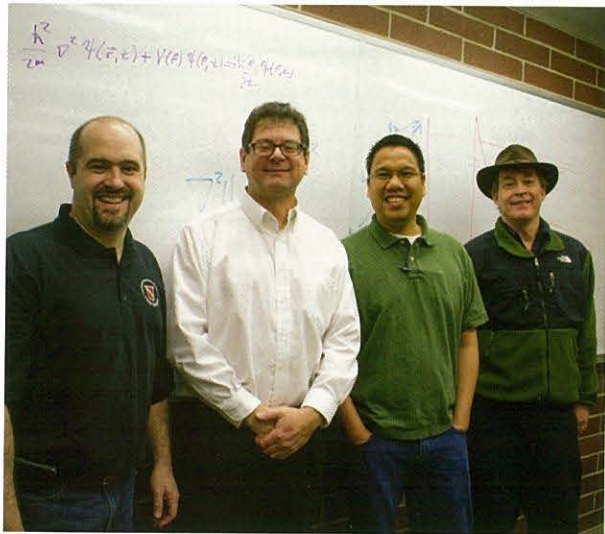












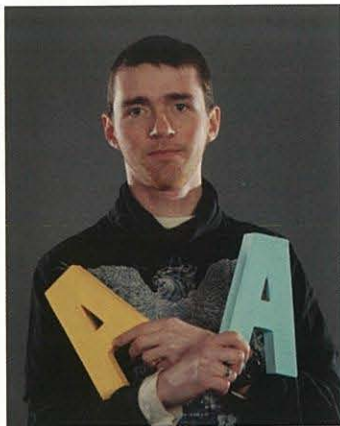






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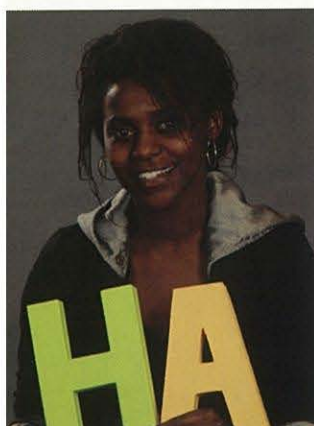




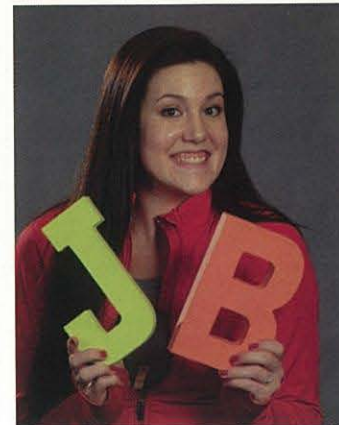
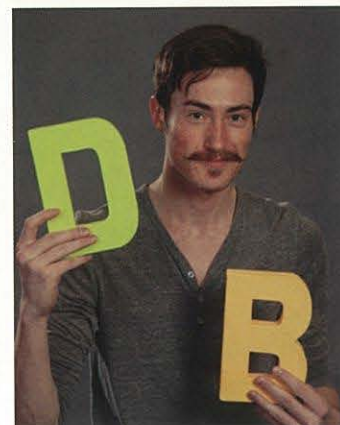
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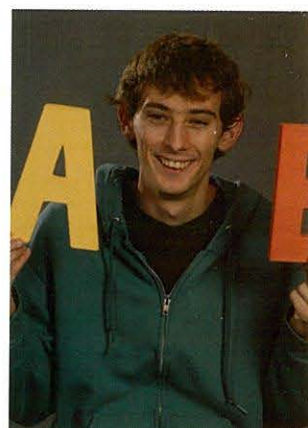
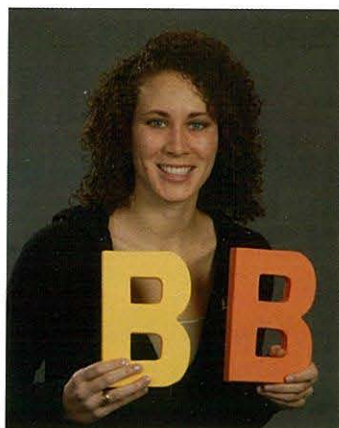
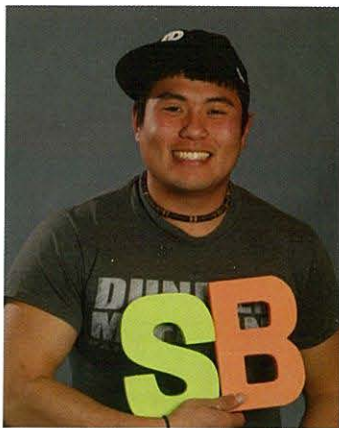
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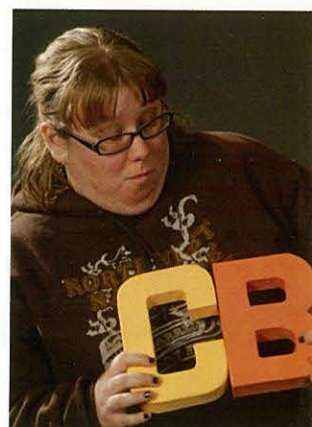
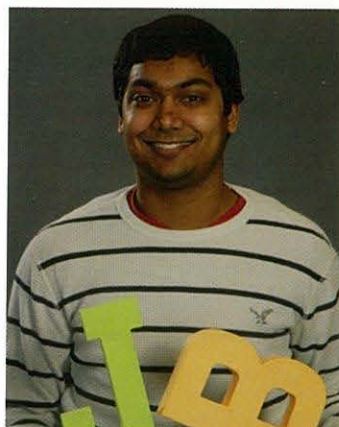
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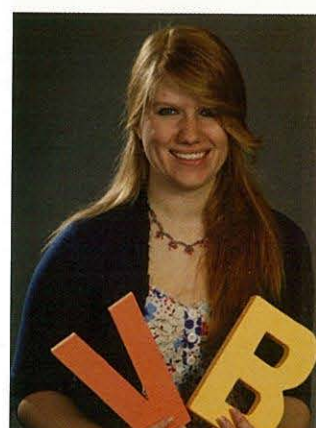
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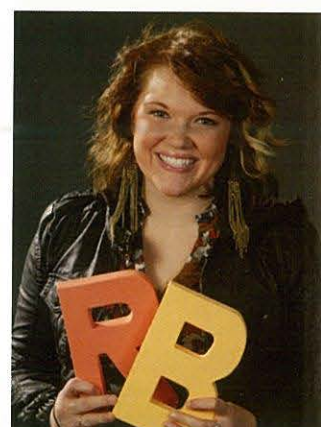
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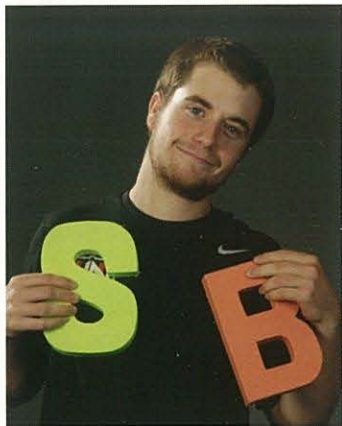
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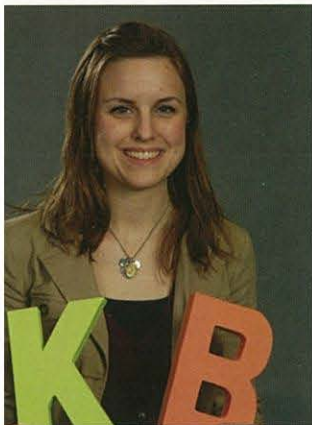
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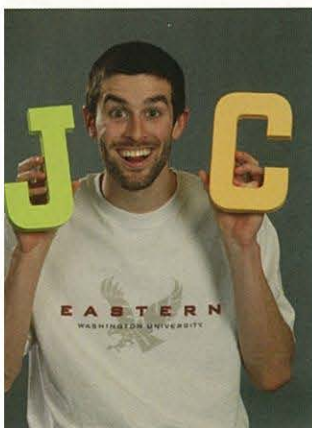




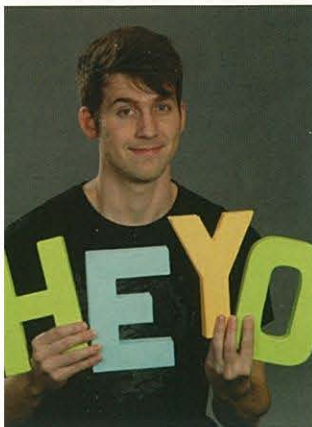
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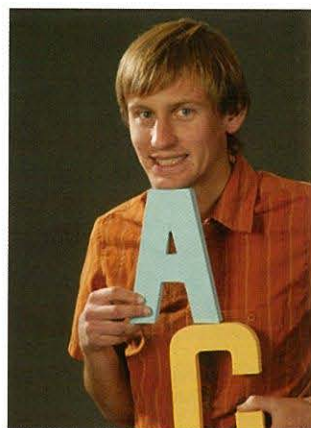
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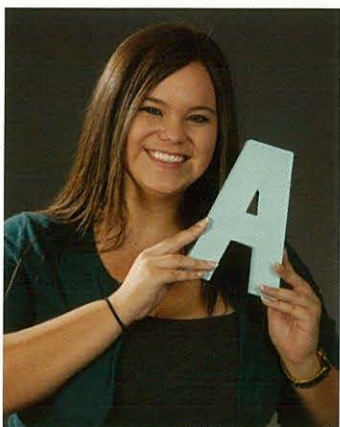
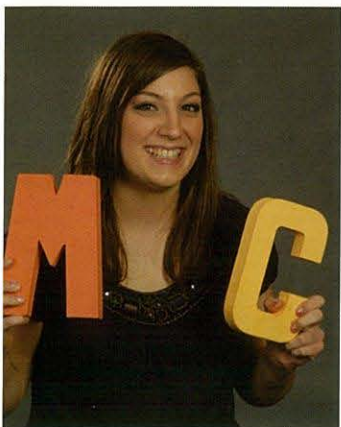
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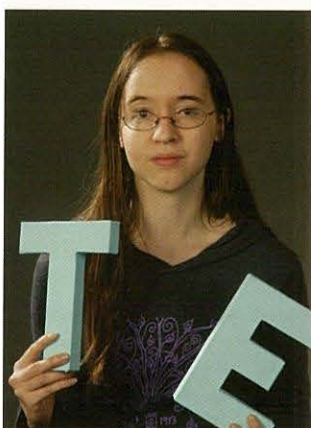
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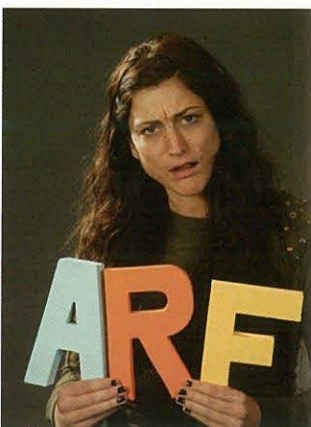
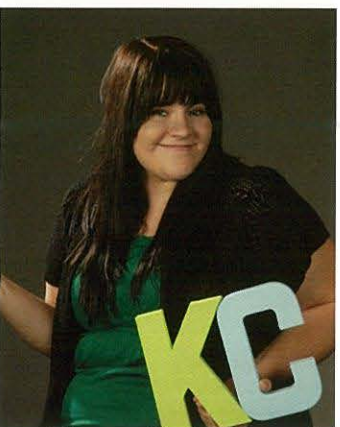
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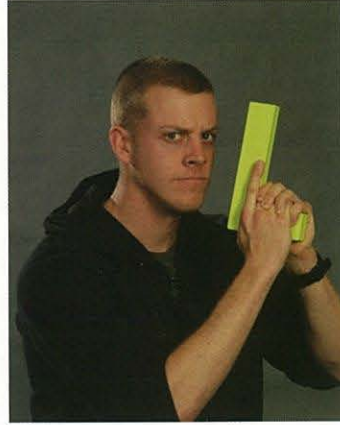
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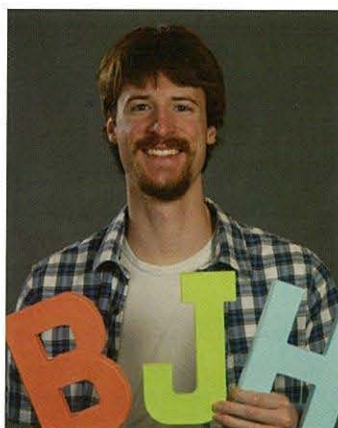
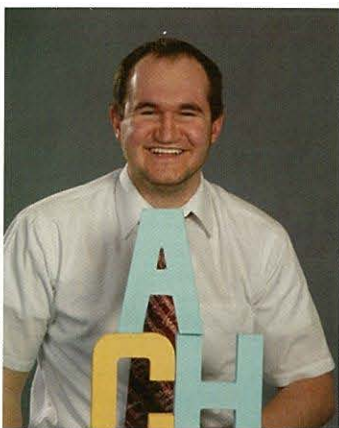
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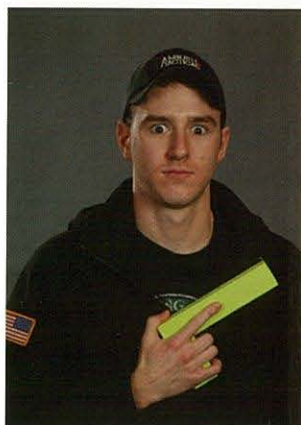
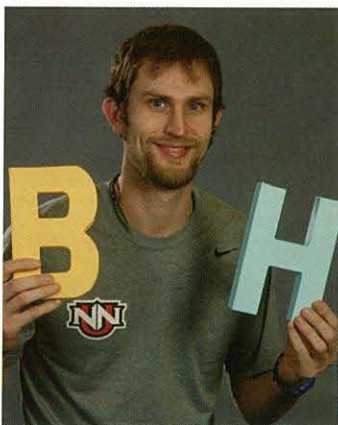
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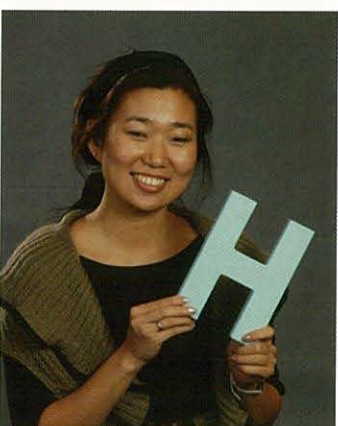
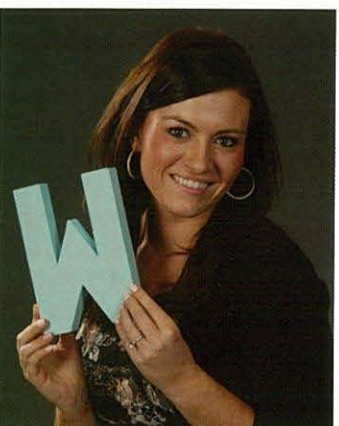
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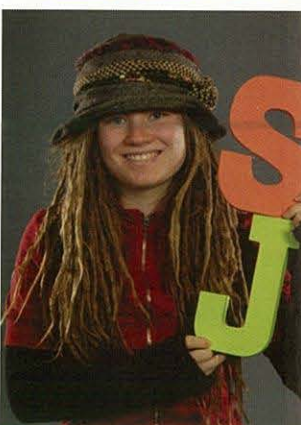
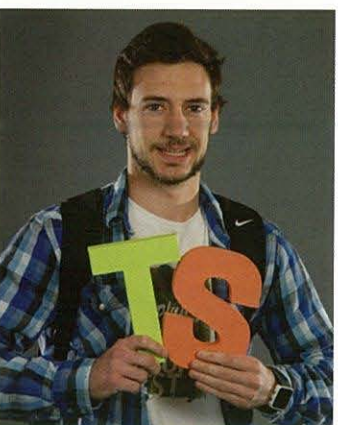
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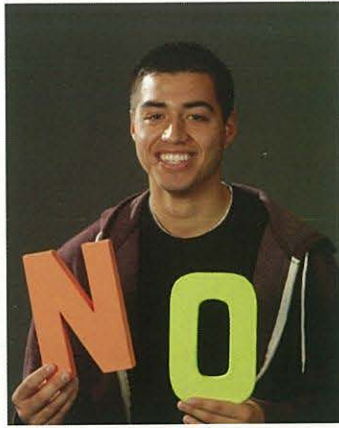
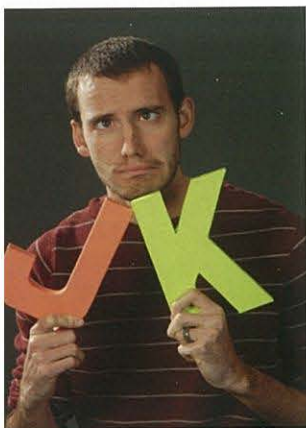
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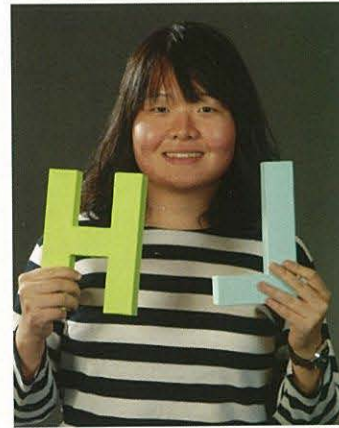




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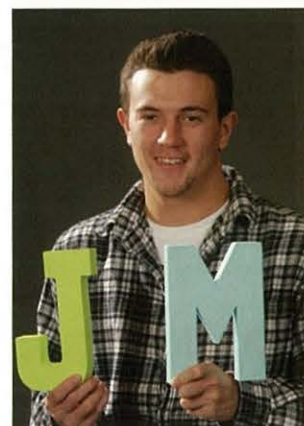
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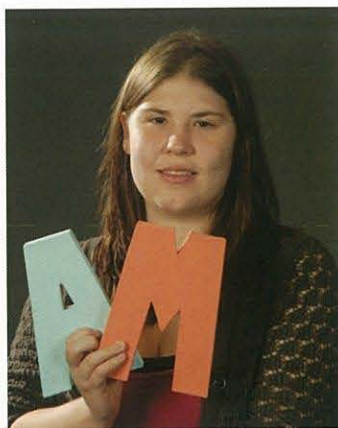
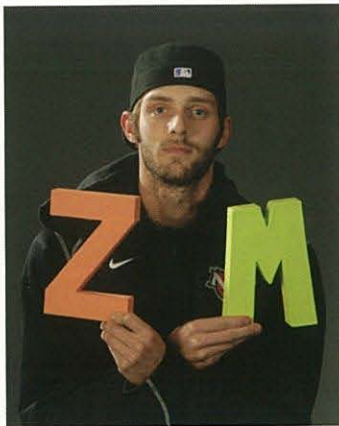
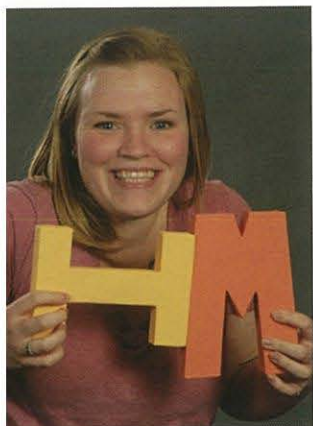
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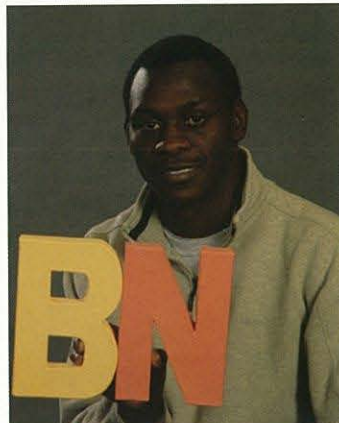
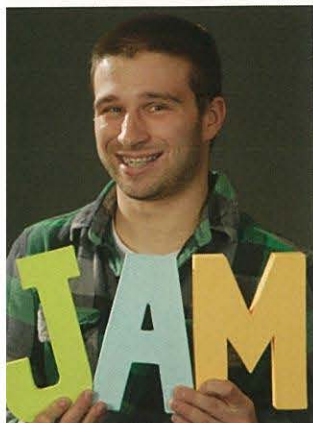
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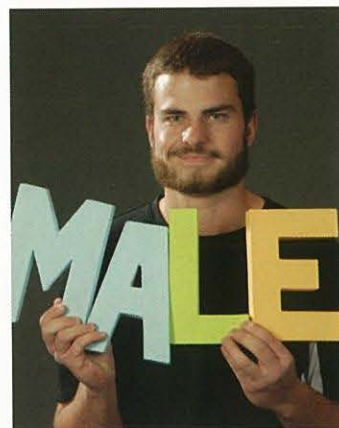




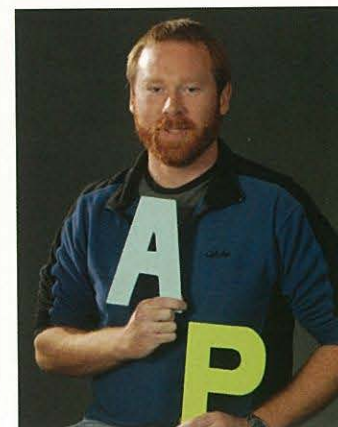
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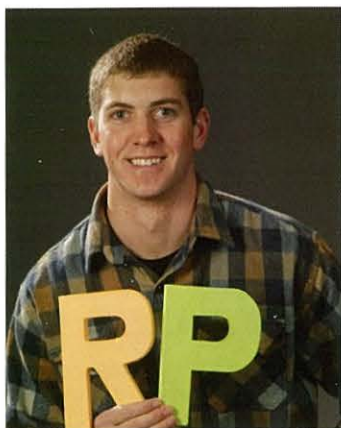
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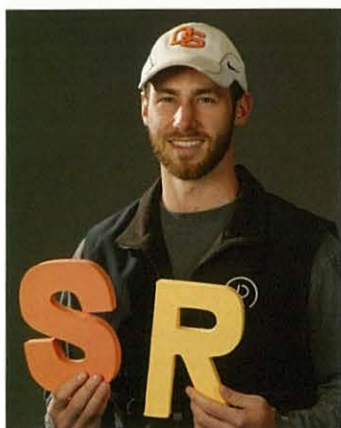
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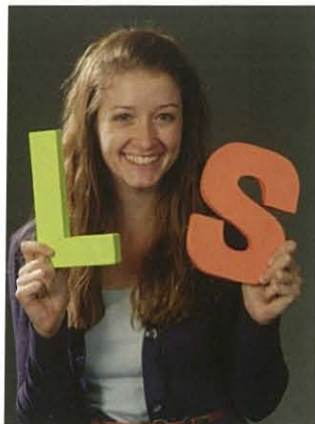
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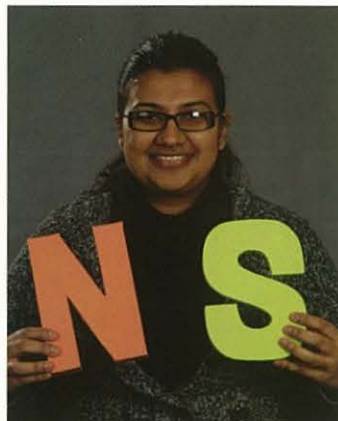
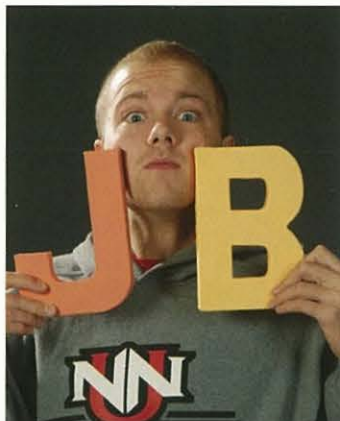
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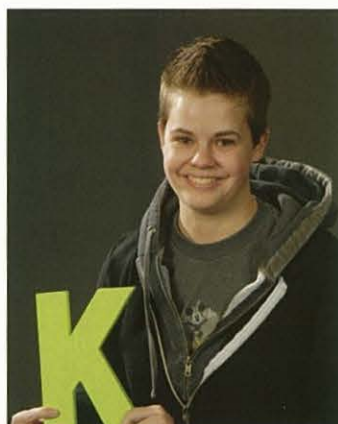
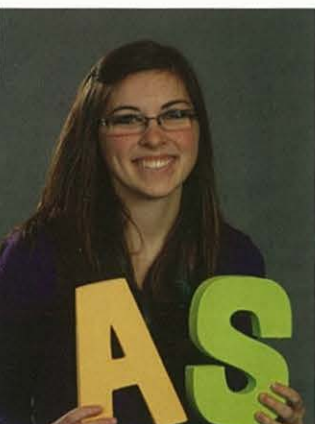




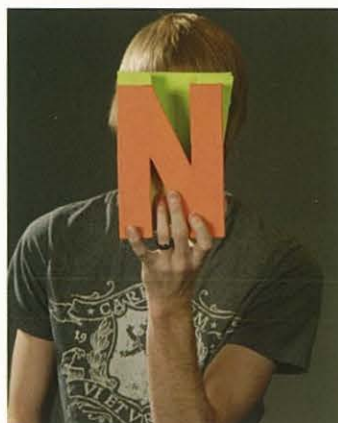
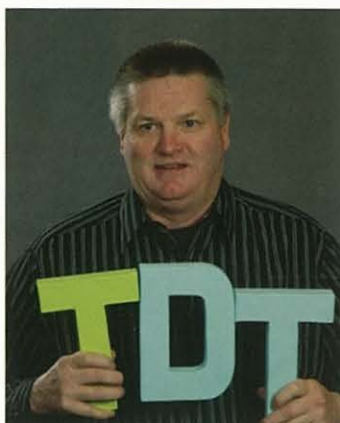
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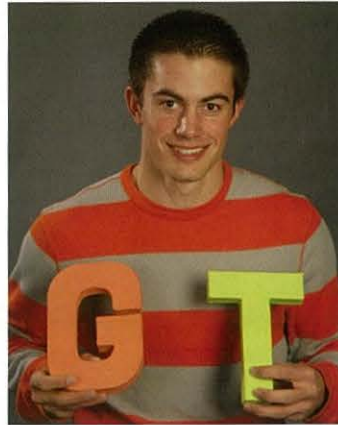
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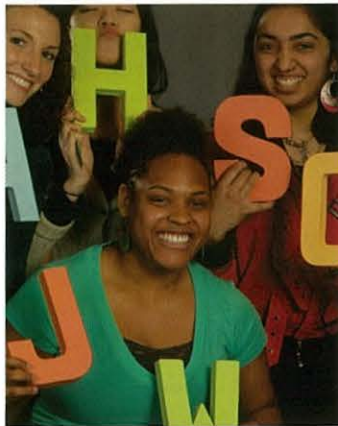
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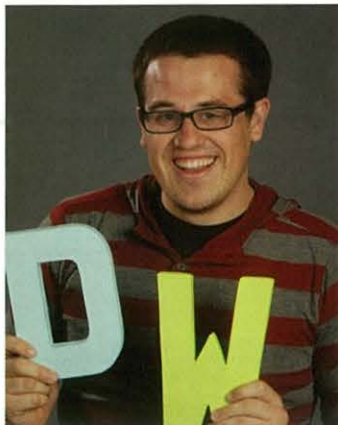
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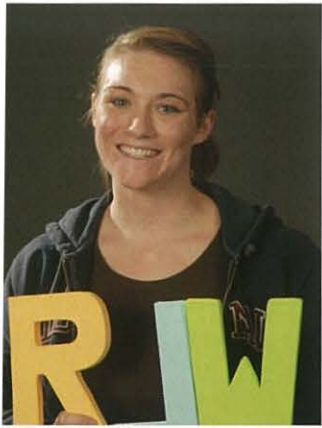
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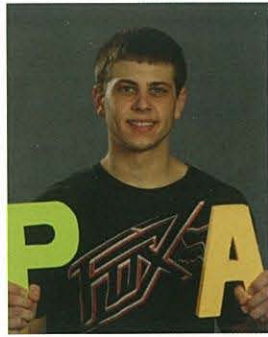


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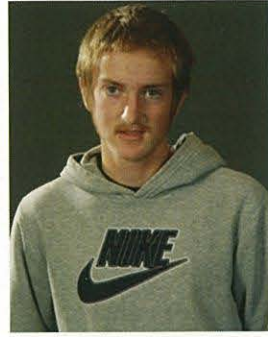
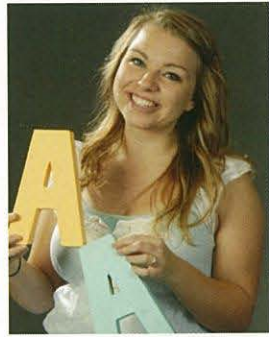
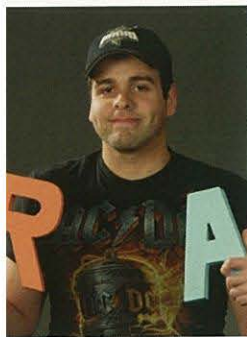


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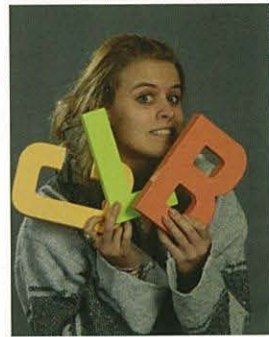




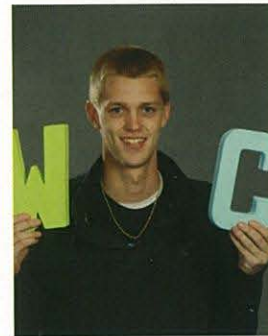
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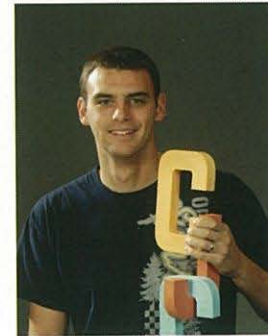
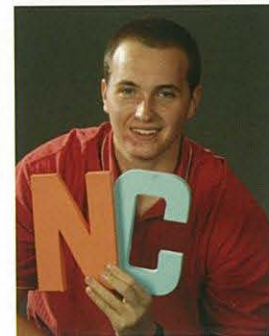
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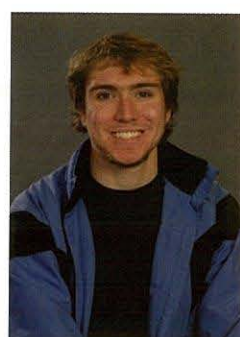
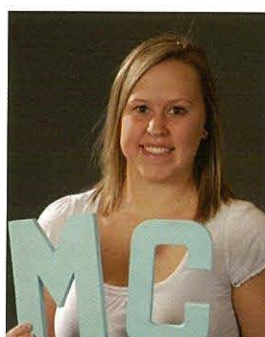
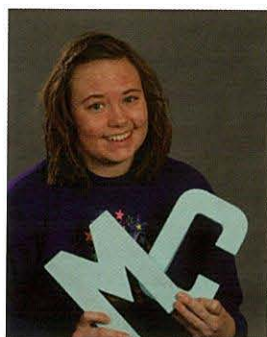
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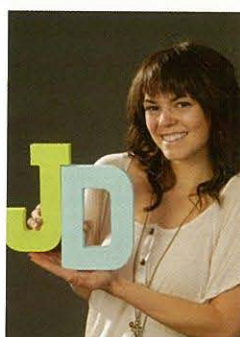
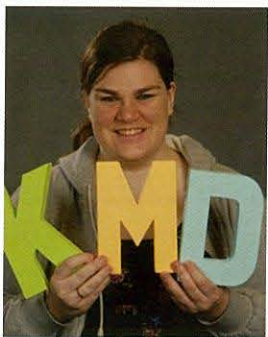
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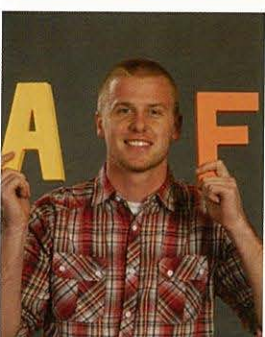
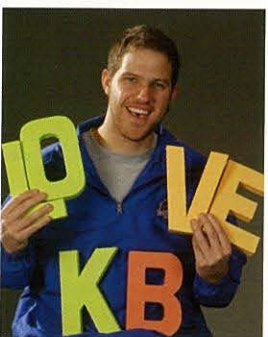
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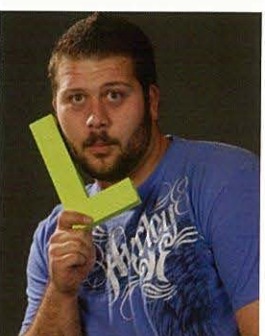
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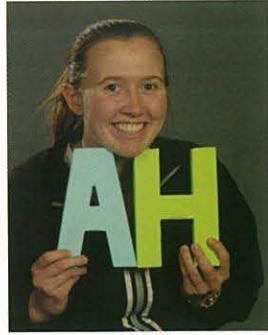
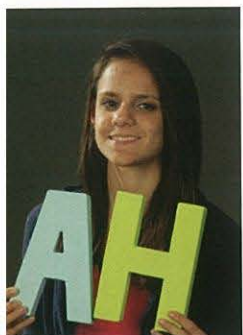
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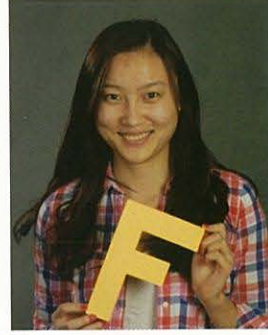
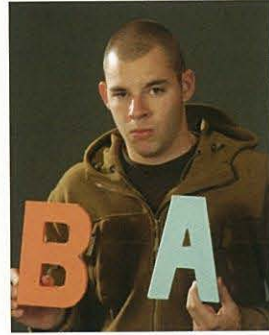
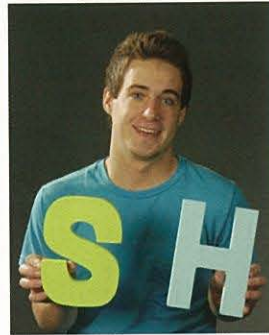
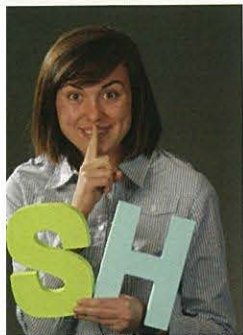
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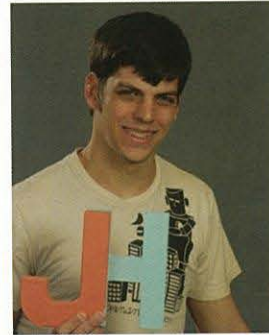




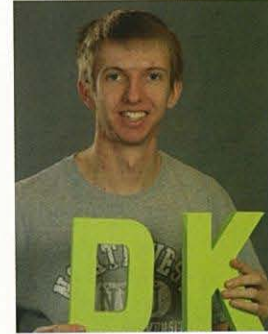
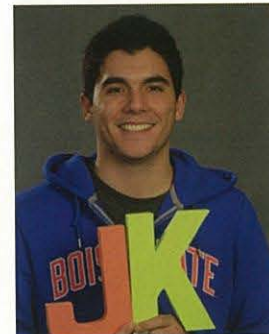
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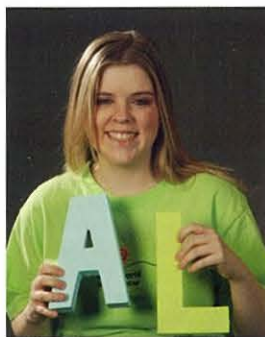
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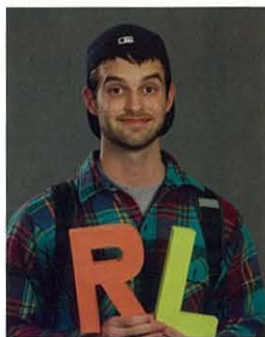
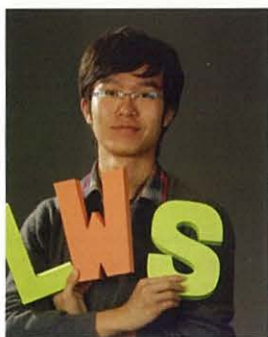
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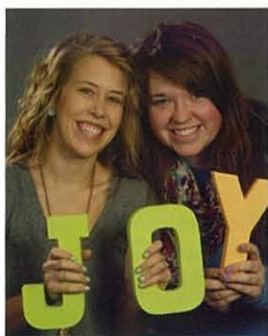
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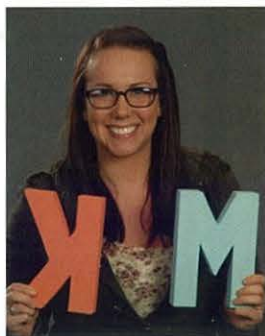
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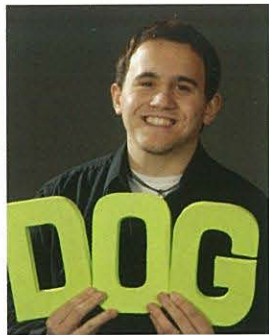
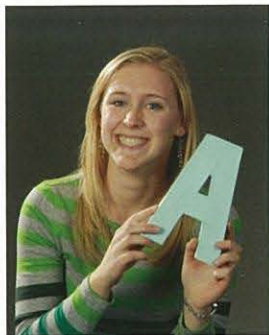
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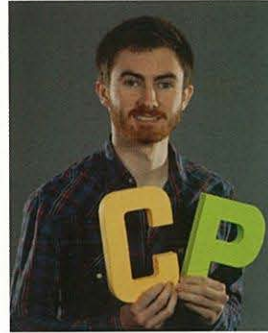
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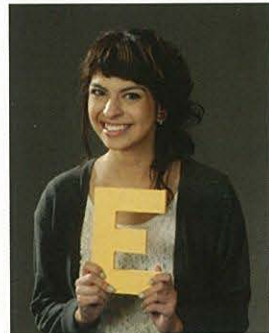
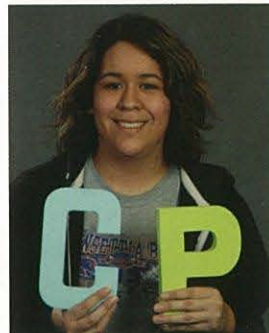
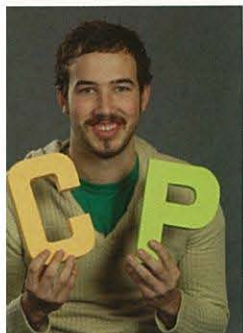




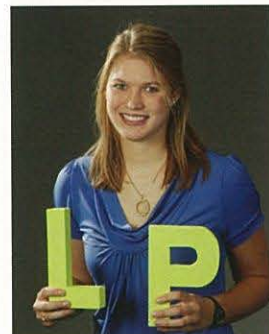
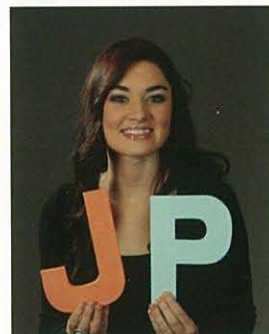
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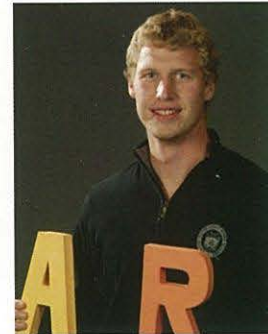
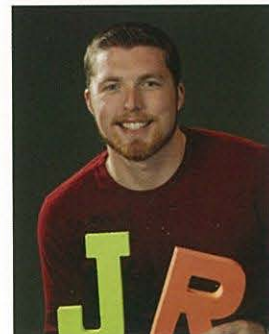
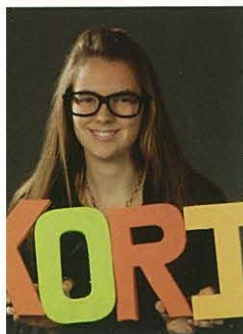
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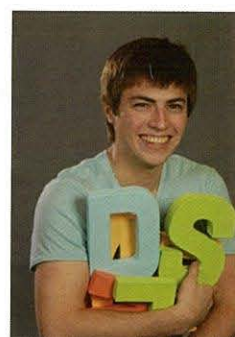
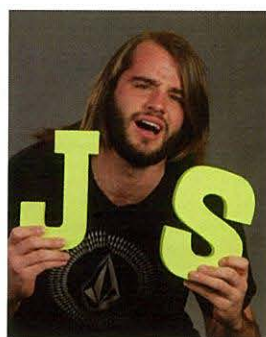
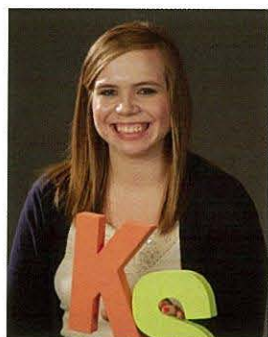
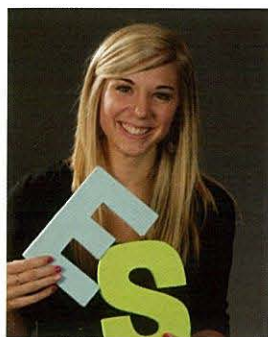
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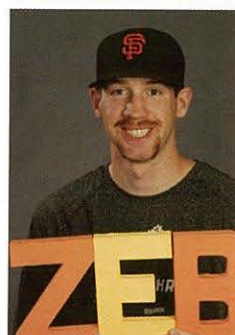
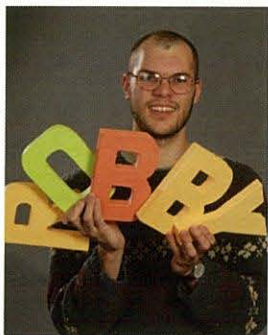
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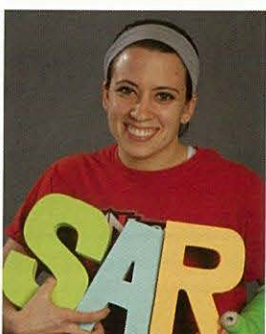
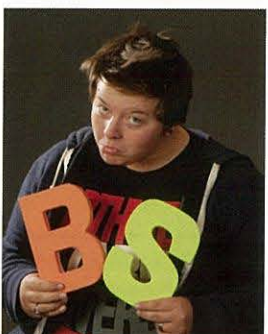
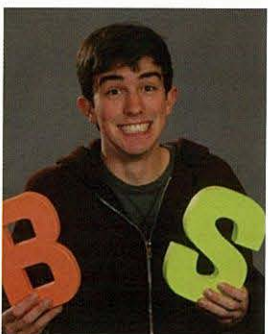
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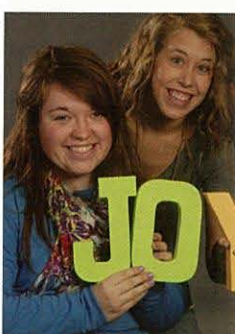
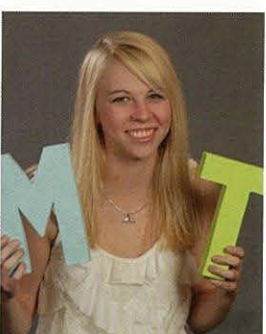
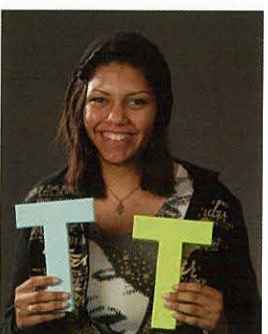
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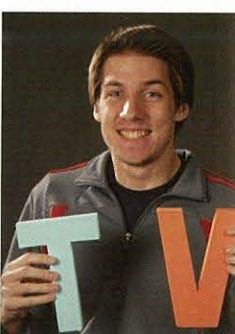
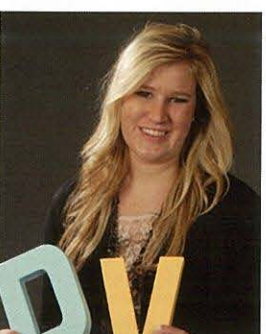
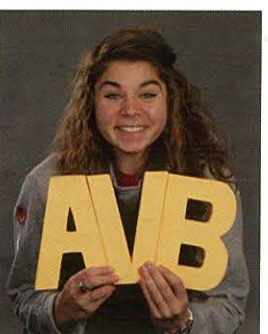
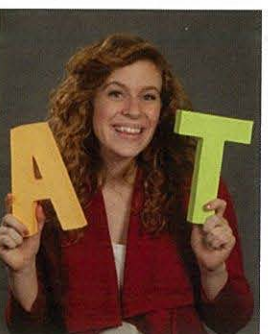
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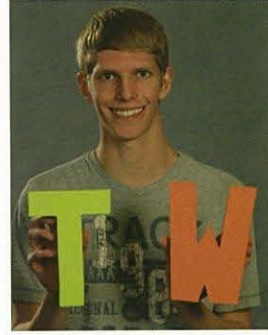
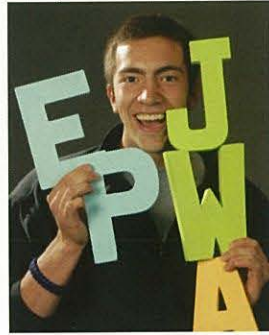
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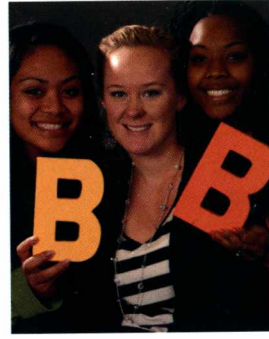
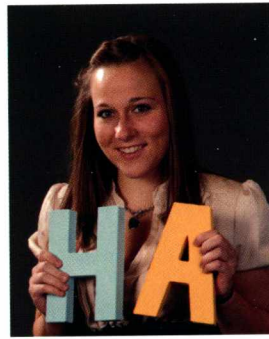
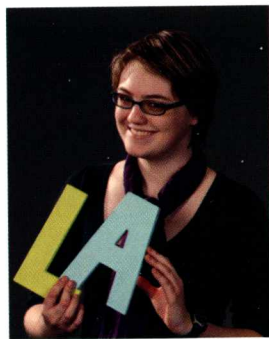
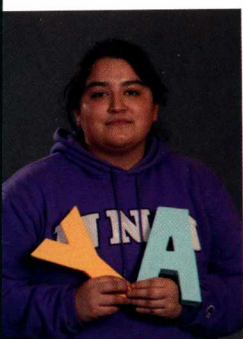


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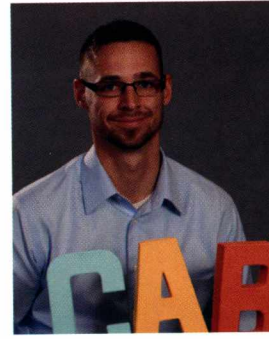
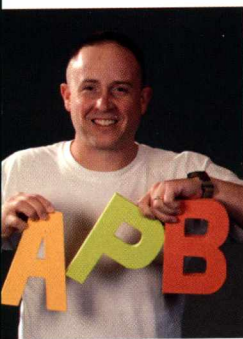


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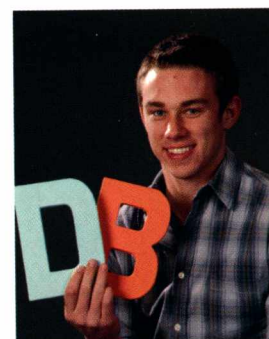




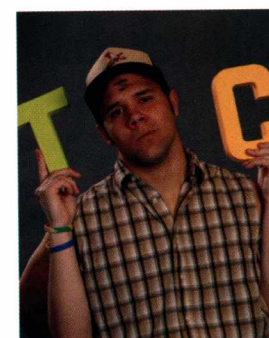
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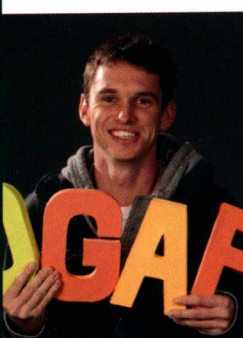
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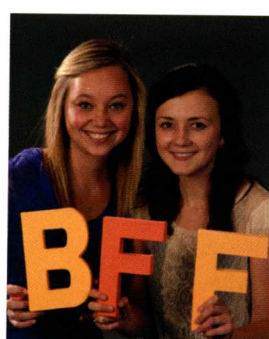
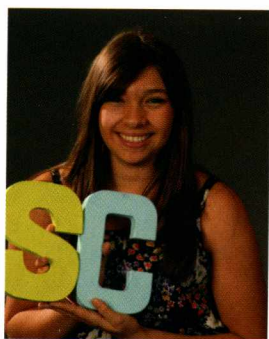
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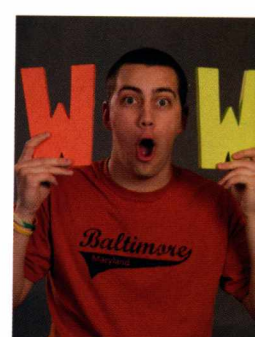
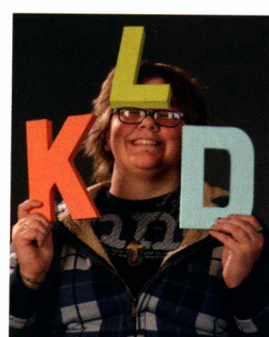
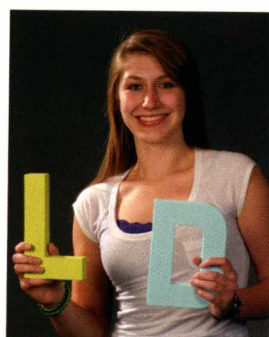
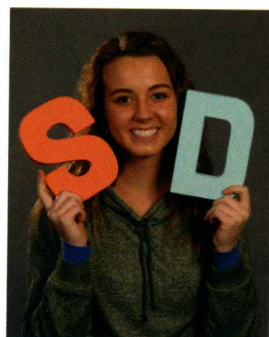
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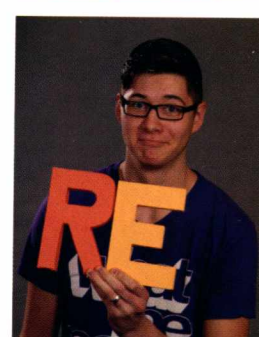
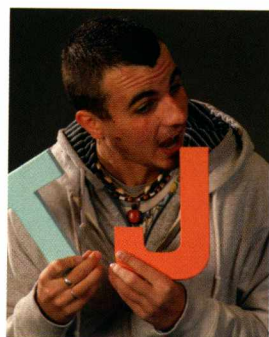
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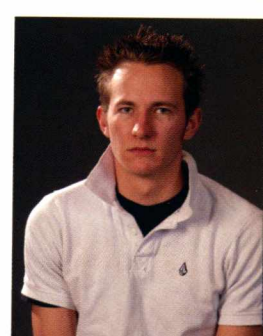
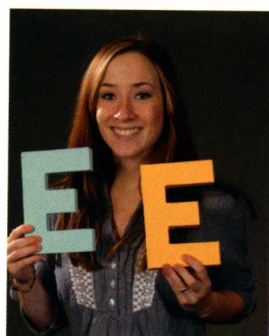
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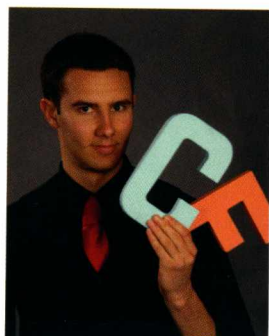
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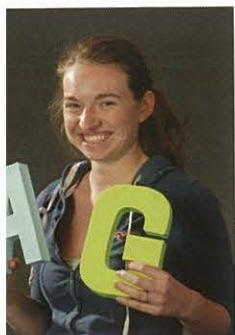
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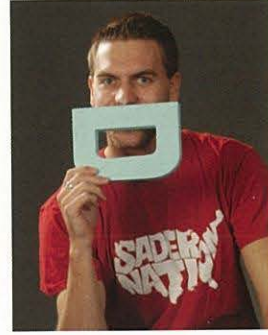
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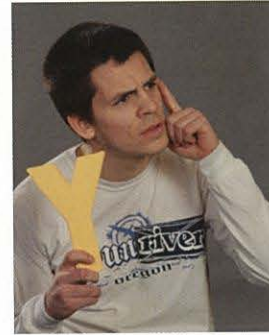




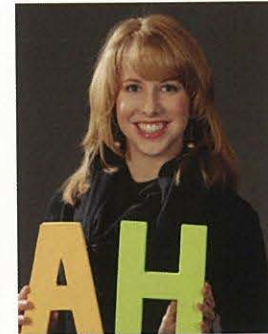
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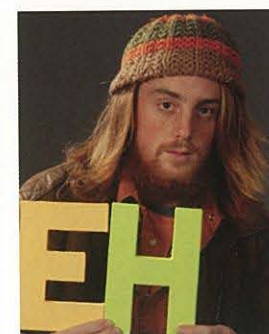
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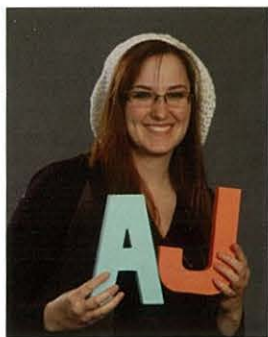
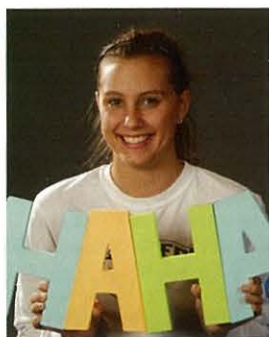
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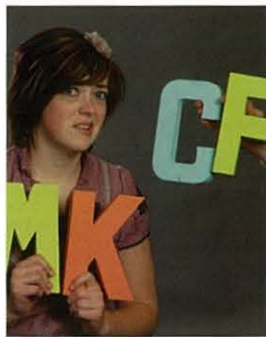
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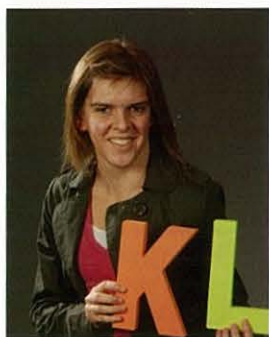
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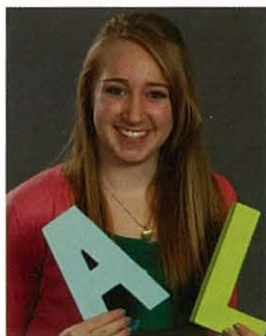
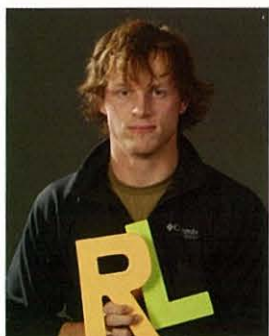
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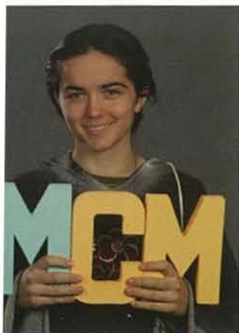
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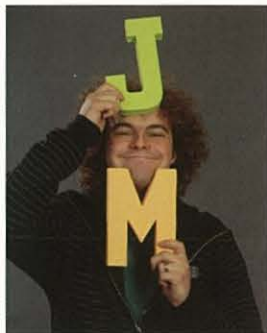
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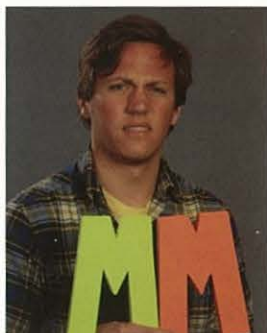




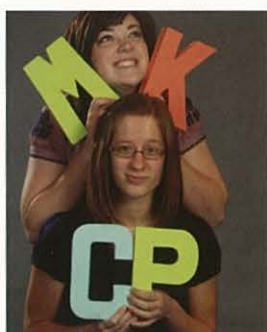
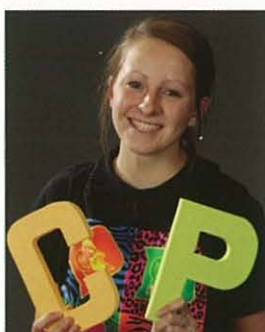
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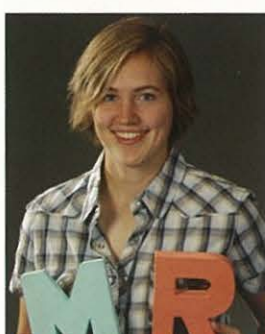
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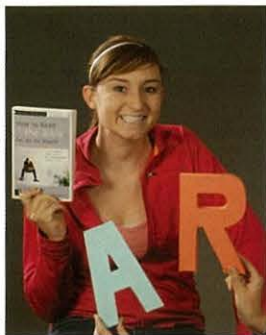
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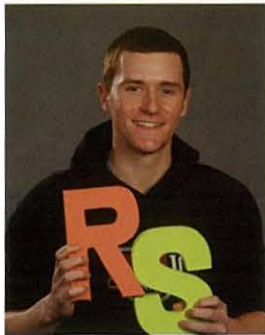
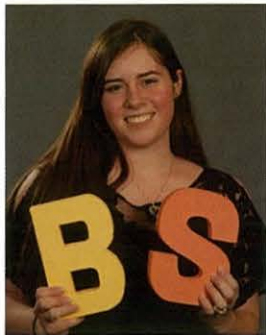
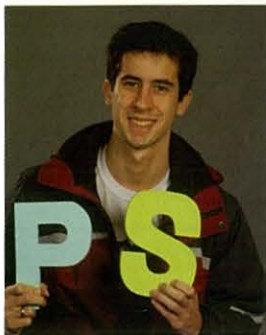
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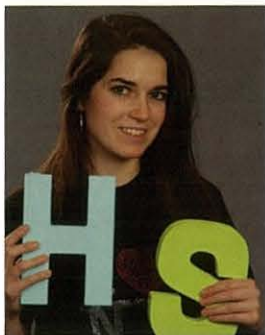
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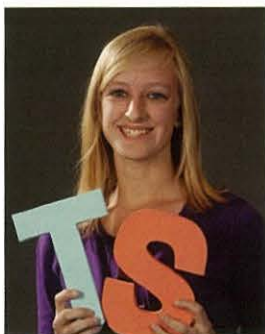
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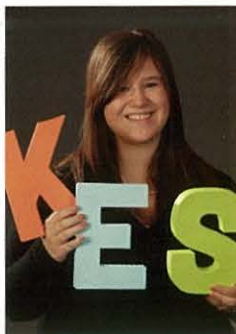
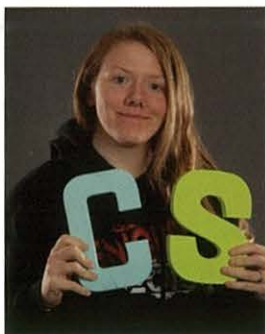
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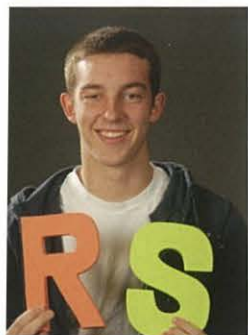
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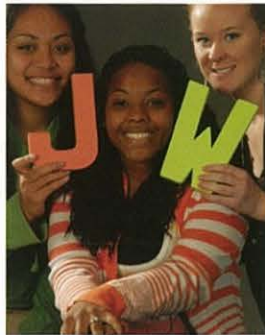
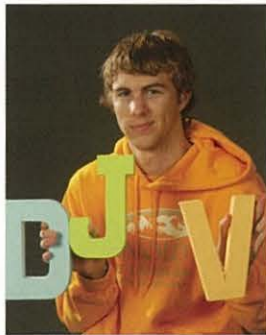
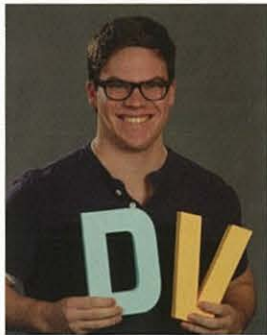
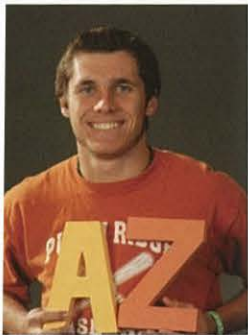
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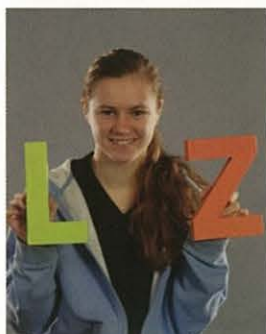
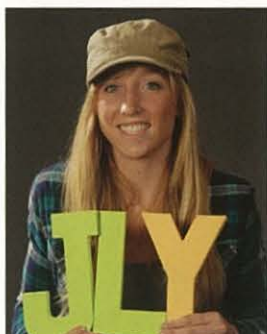
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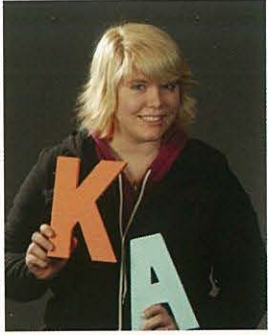
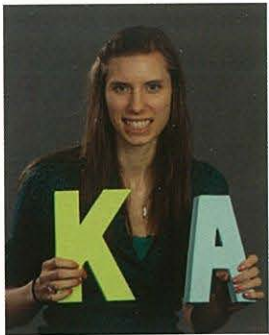


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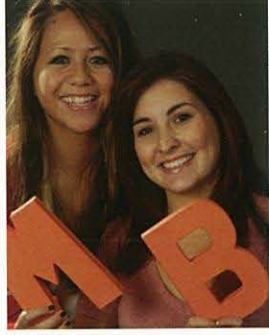
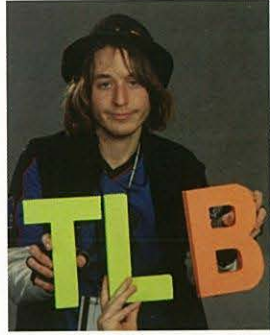
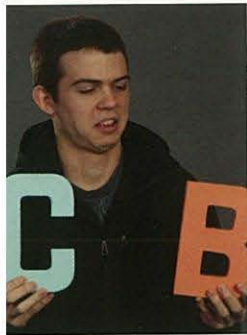


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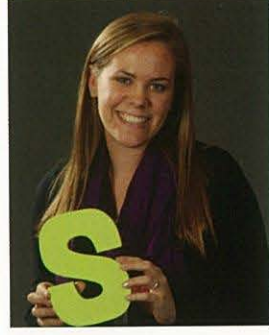
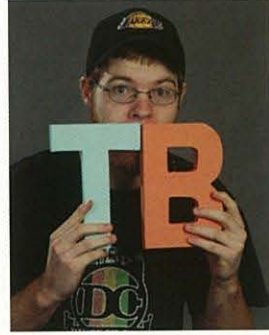




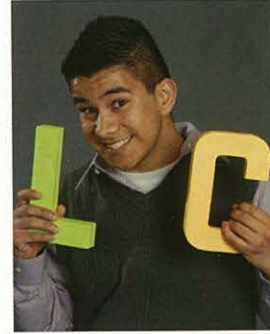
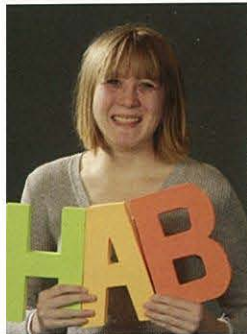
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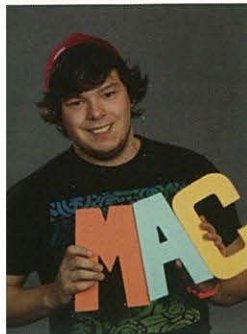
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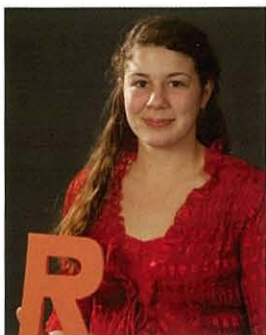
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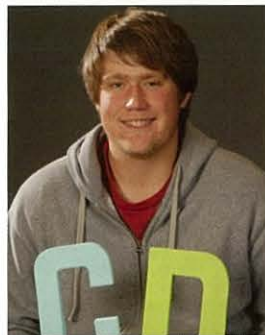
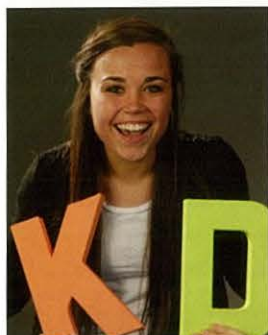
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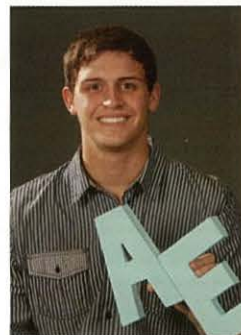
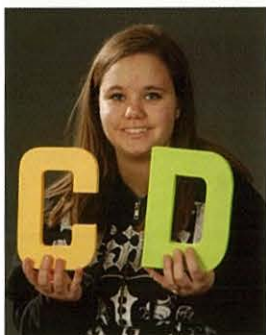
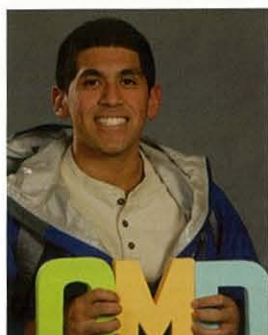
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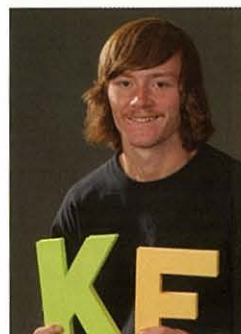
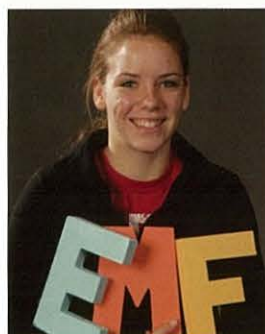
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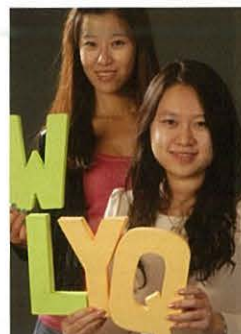
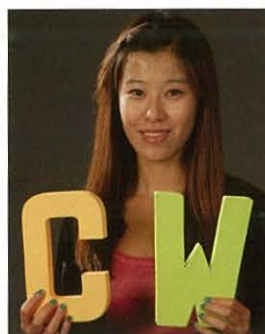
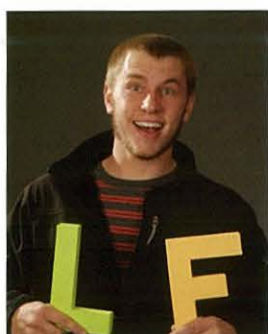
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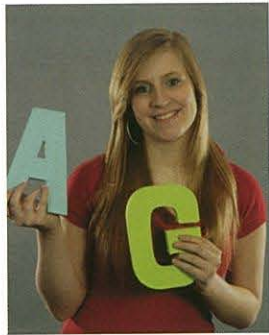
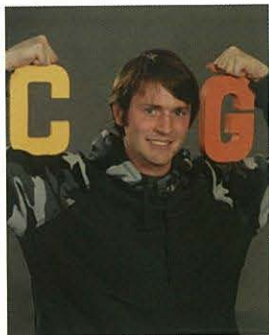
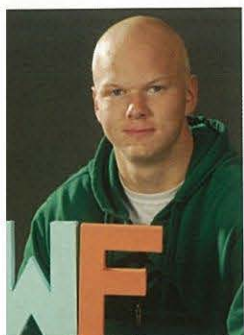
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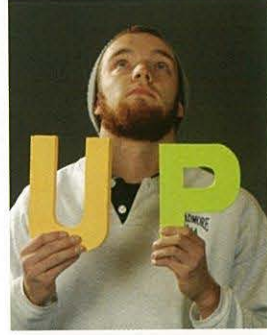
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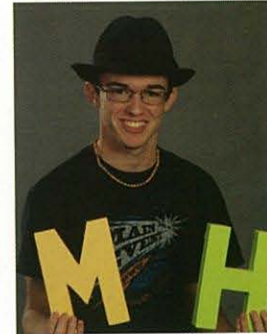
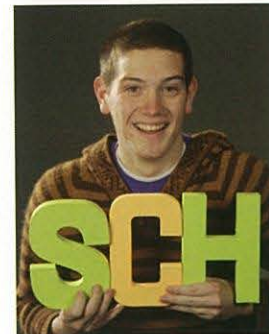
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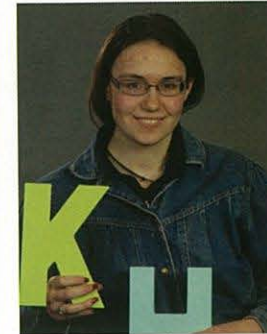
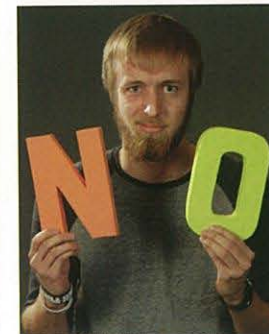
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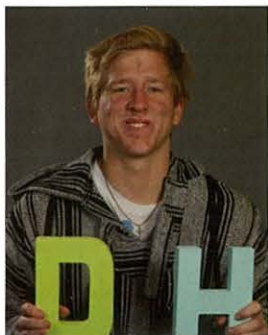
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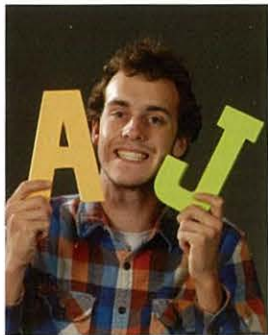
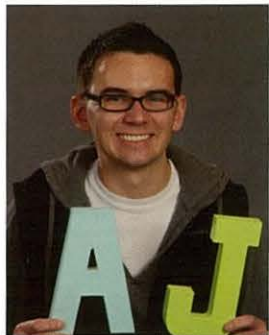
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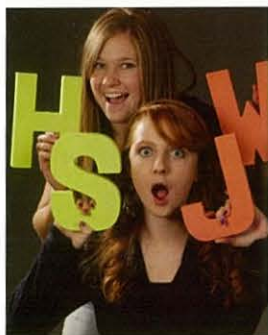
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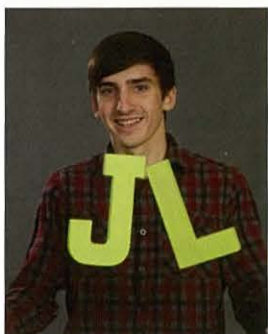
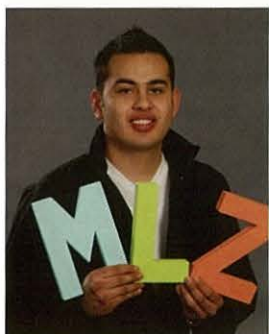
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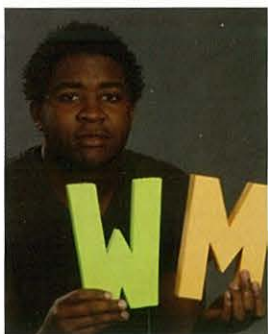
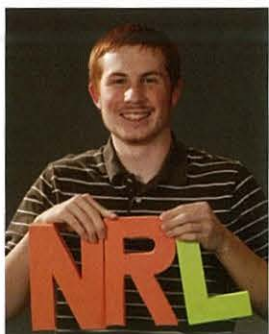
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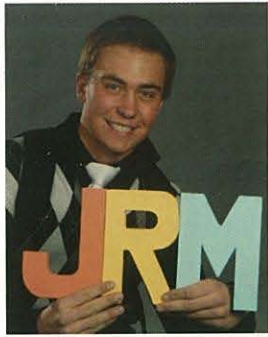
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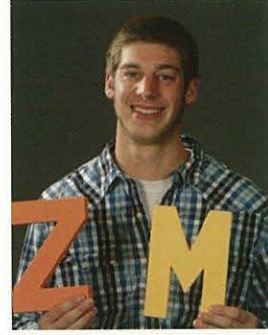
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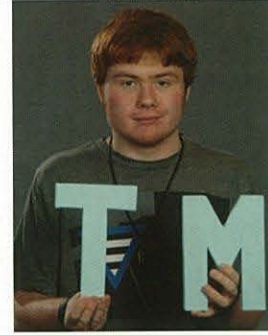
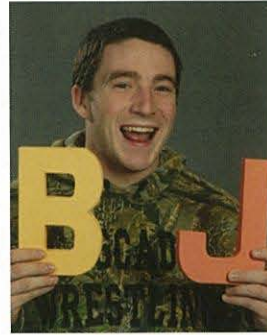
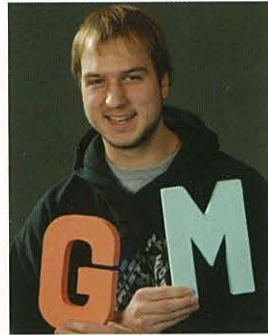
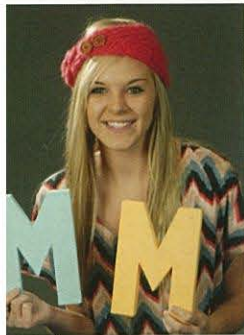




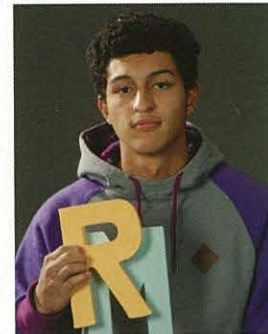
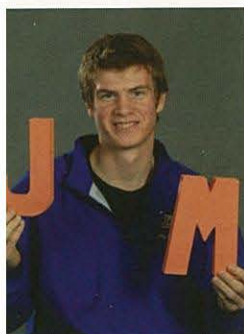
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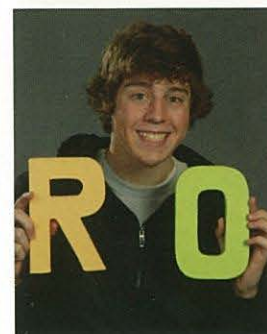
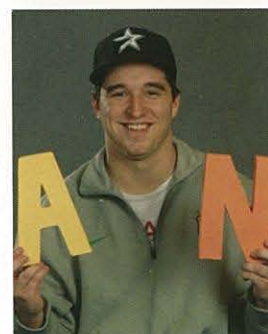
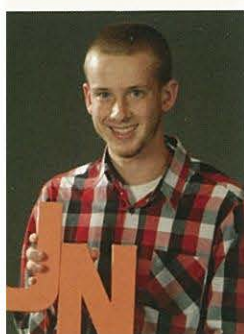
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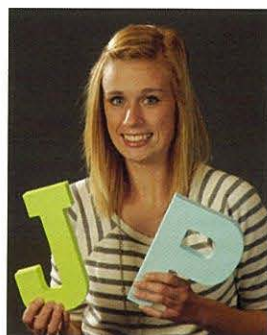
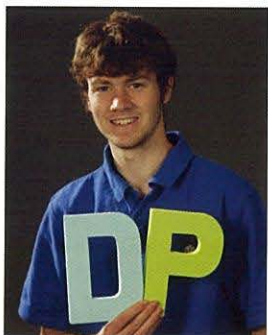
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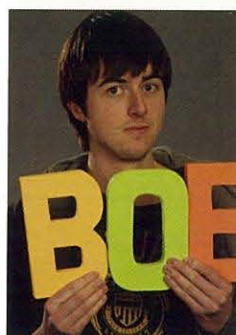
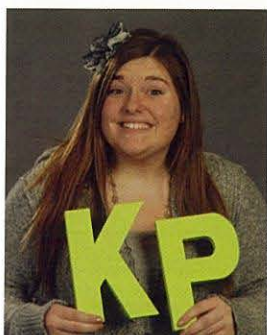
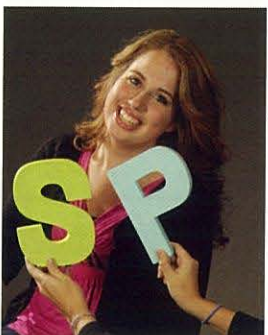
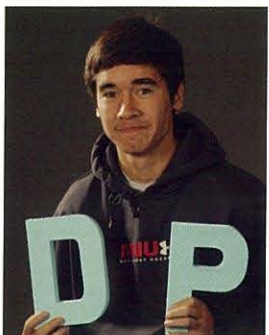
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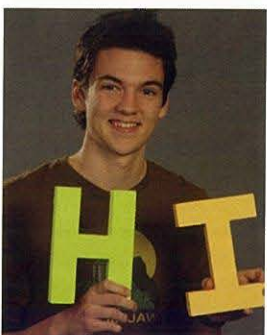
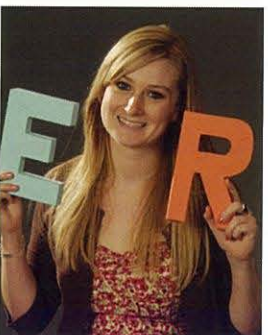
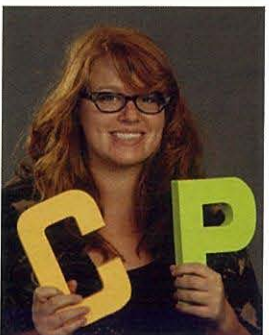
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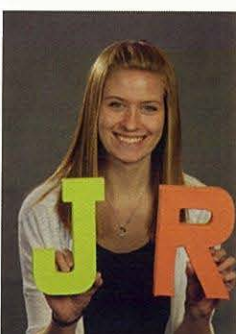
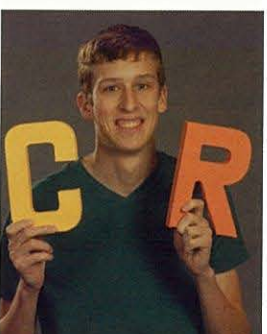
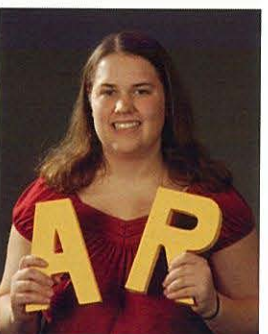
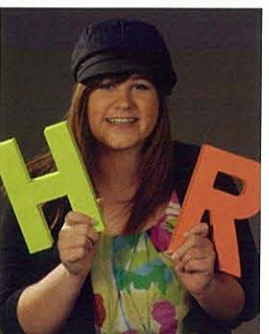
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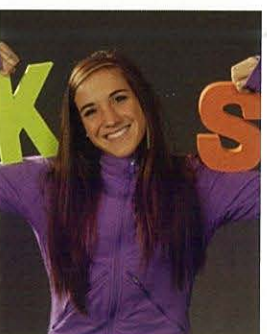
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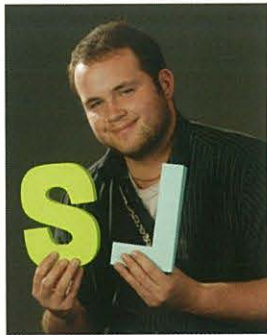
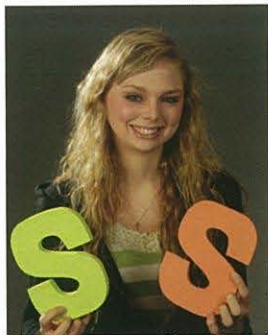
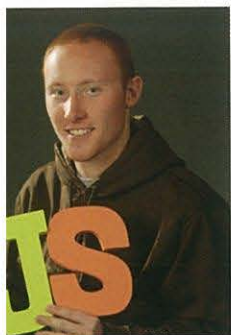
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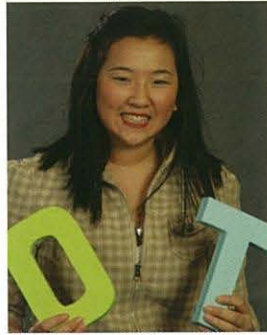
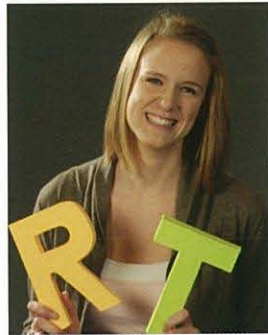
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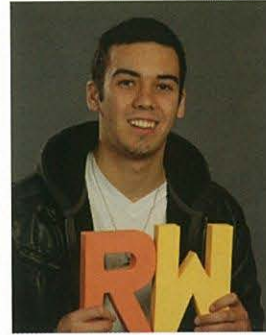




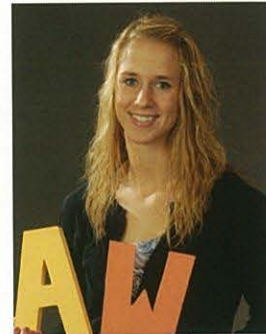
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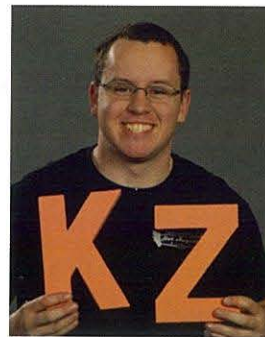
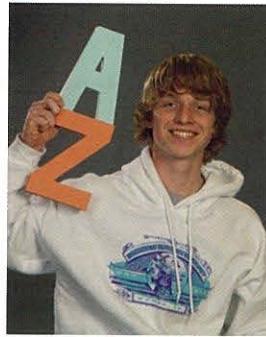
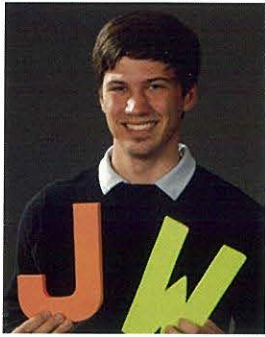
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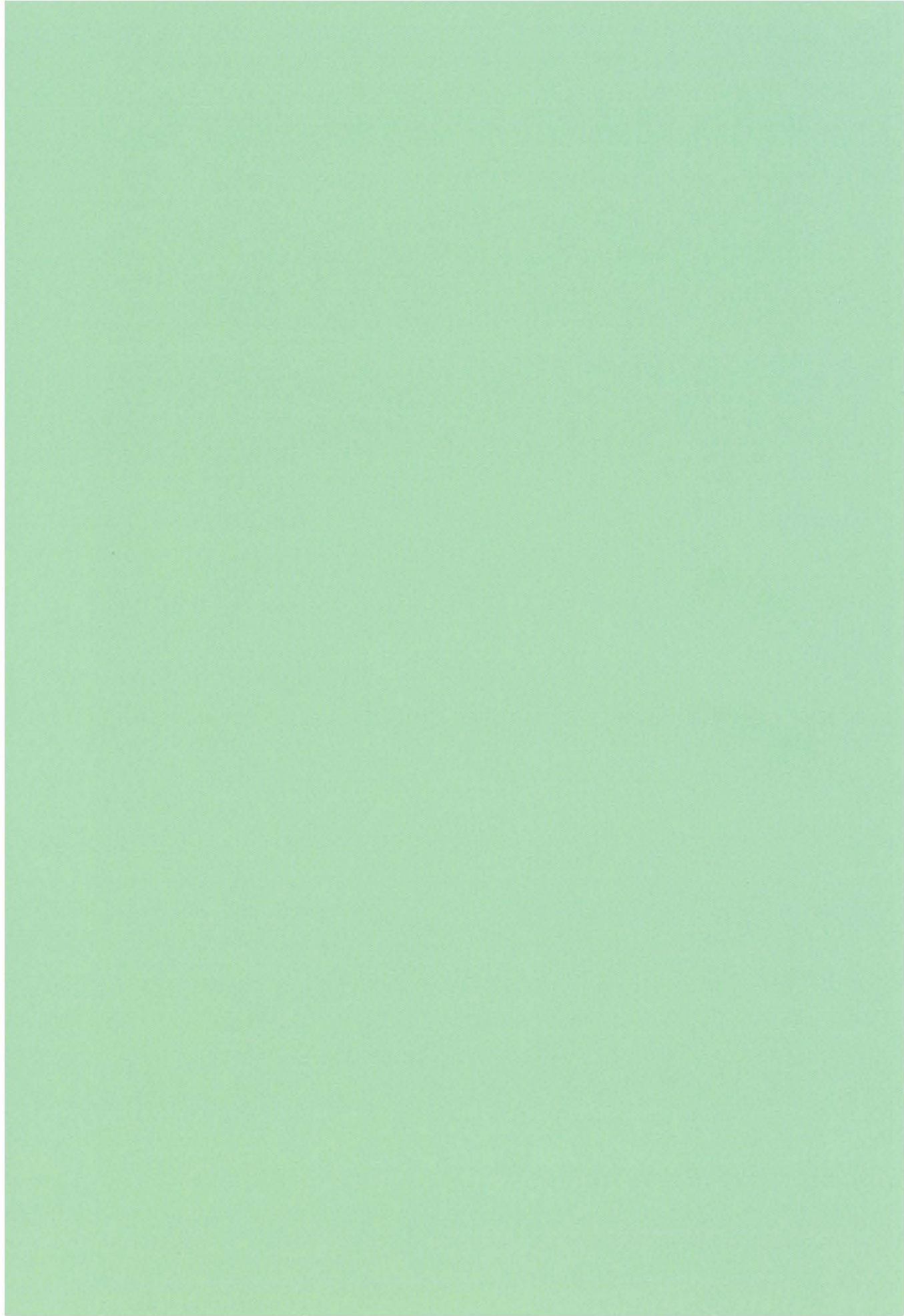
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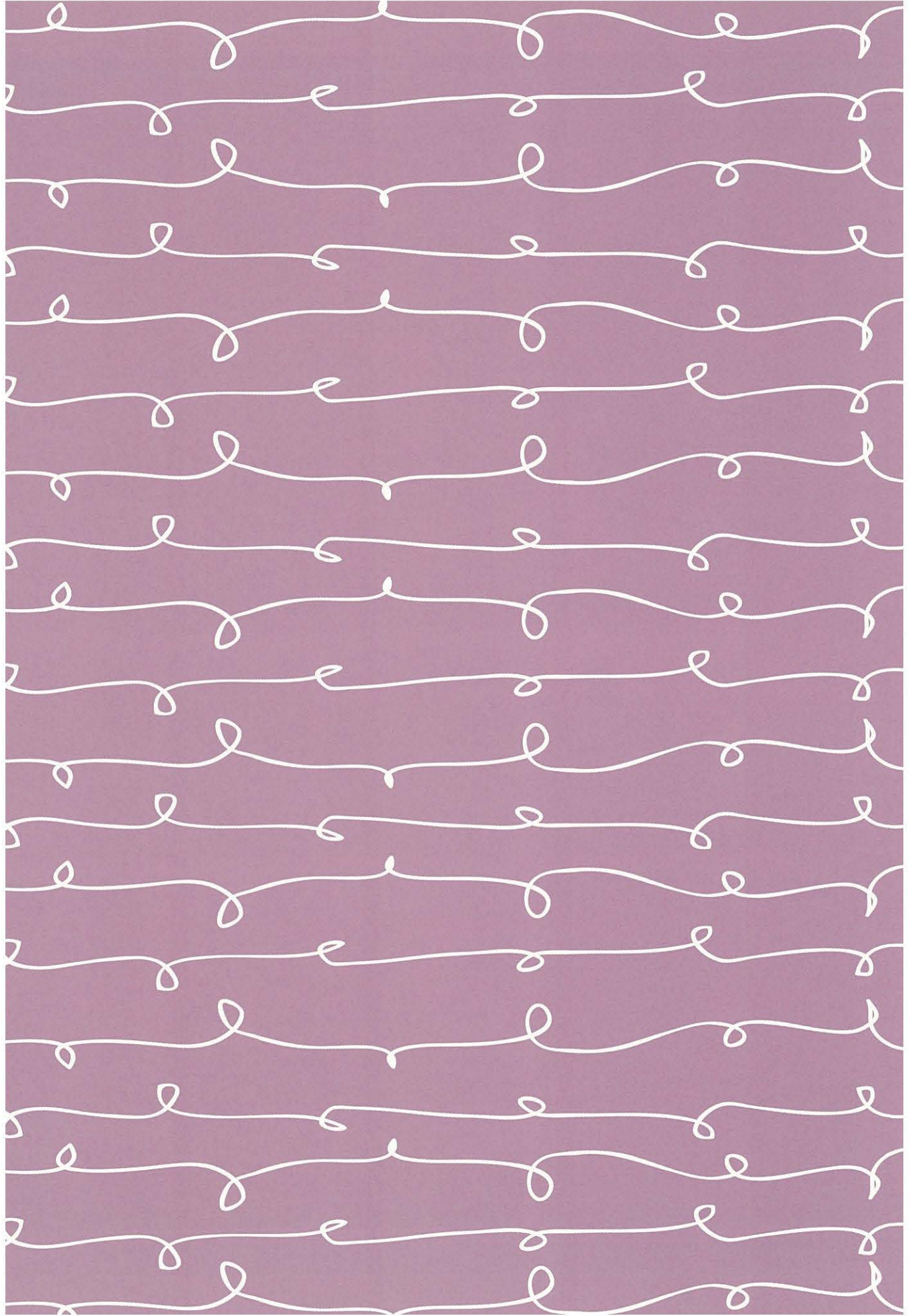




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# lead retreat

The year started off with Lead Retreat, held at Trinity Pines Camp. All student leaders gathered for a weekend of motivation and leadership training. Aside from the excitement of the games and activities, the leaders attended seminars from various NNU staff members, including Tim Milburn, Kenton Lee, and Gene Schandorff. These students eagerly took the opportunity to gain knowledge and grow into the leaders they always had the potential to be.

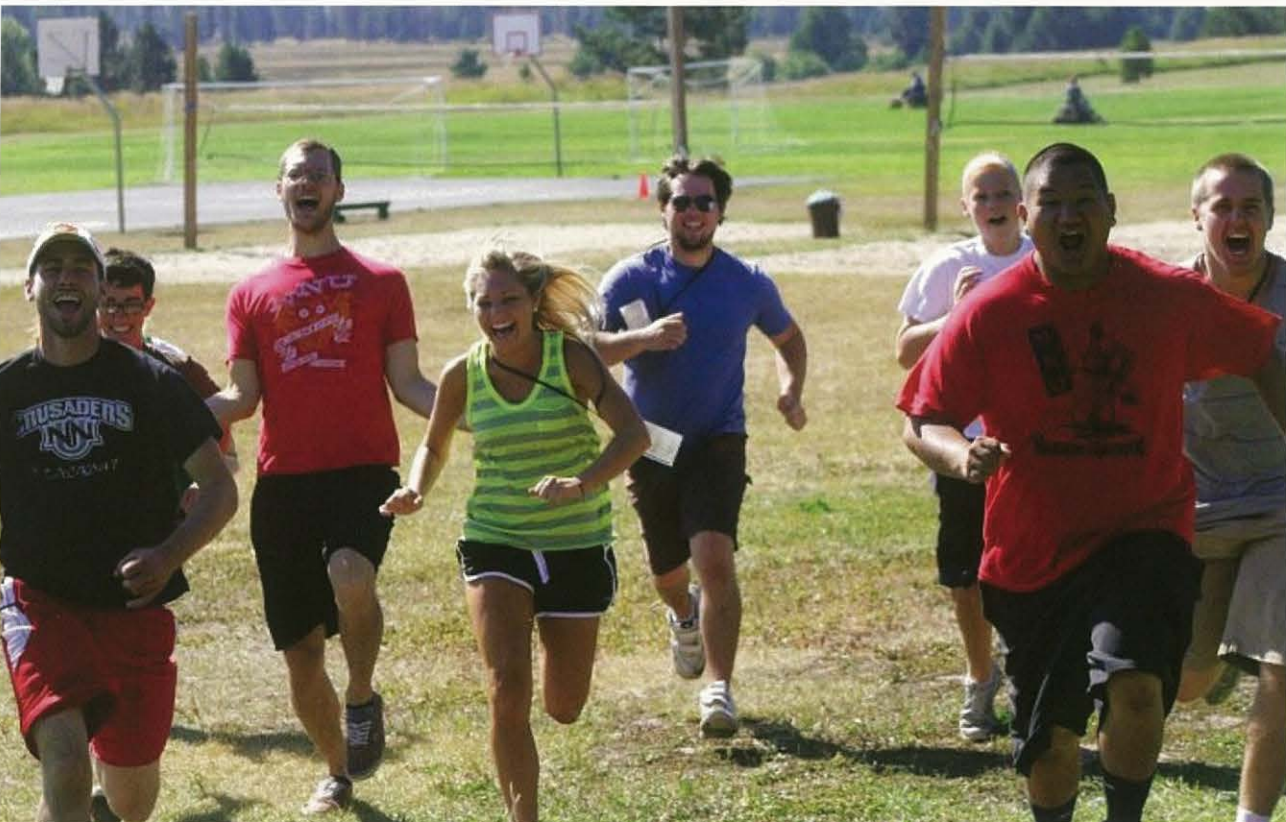




Out of tremendous love for this campus and their peers, the Student Government Association strived all year long to produce the best college experience possible for the NNU community. These student leaders planned and executed all the campus events and activities NNU offers in order to promote unity and involvement. Jared Trygg fearlessly led as President first semester and Robby Skinner stepped up in Jared's place second semester when Jared was forced to leave for health reasons. David Silva was elected as Executive Vice President, finishing off the year with the team. From TWIRP, the biggest event of the year, to WNL, a monthly activity directed to a smaller group of students, this group provided a strong sense of community and inclusion to the NNU campus.

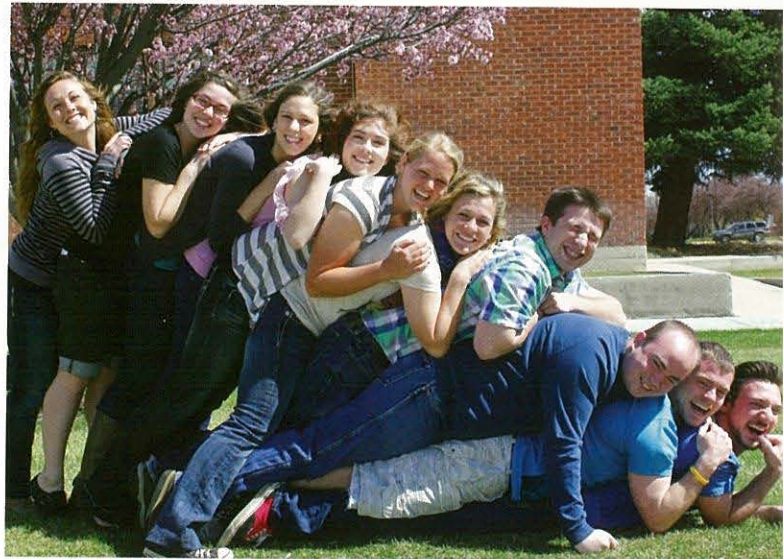








Class Councils counter-Clockwise from top left: Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, Senior





## class councils & senate

Through weekly meetings held in the lovely Wordsworth, a senate made up of three individuals from each class convenes to discuss important matters both social and financial. As the voice of the students, senators have a lot of responsibilities. Their decisions are not easy and their dedication did not go unnoticed. Tag-team leadership from Executive Vice Presidents Robby Skinner and David Silva brought a new focus to club leadership and academic ventures. Over 25 bills were brought to consideration and a new Constitution will continue to shape how NNU students pursue their passions. Each year, students are elected to be servant leaders for their class. While working on teams with their peers, these students are able to create wonderful events while being fulltime students. The senior class council put on 50's Slick during Homecoming weekend, hosted the senior class chapel, and worked hard on fundraising for a greenhouse to donate to NNU. Homecoming weekend and the junior/senior retreat were put on by the junior class council, while the sophomores were hard at work on the fun Fresheree variety show, and the freshmen hosted Mr. NNU.





# summer travel groups

Summer usually offers students a chance to get some well-deserved rest and relaxation from school. Those who are a part of NNU's summer travel groups, Covenant and Witness, bypass that option to travel to camps and churches all around the Northwest representing the school. Covenant's main role is to put on concerts at churches and lead worship at camps. They also are able to represent NNU at the Nazarene Youth Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Witness helps churches and camps in whatever way is needed from service projects to VBS to helping with games to leading worship. Both groups do a great job of showing the school's love to the churches around the Northwest.









Counter-Clockwise from top left: Peer Mentors, Peer Health Educators, Multi-Cultural Mentors, Academic Support Center





## student mentors

There are dozens of students on campus that dedicate their time to mentoring others when it comes to important topics such as health and faith. Peer Mentors are dedicated primarily to freshmen as they help guide new students during a time of transition. Multicultural Mentors are on campus to help the international students feel at home here at NNU. Life Group Leaders hold weekly Bible studies on freshmen wings and walk alongside students in their faith. Peer Health Educators leave their infamous “potty notes” across campus restrooms and spread awareness about the resources that students have in the Wellness Center. Tutors are available in the Academic Support Center to help students that may be struggling in specific classes or need a paper edited.

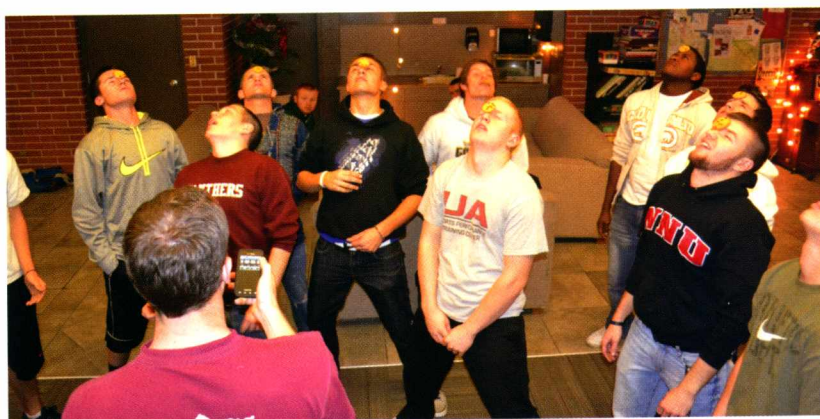








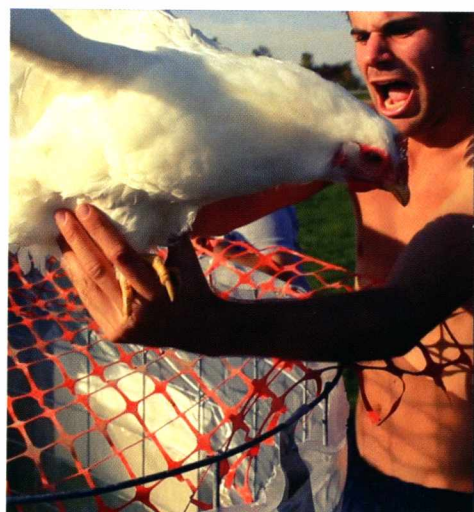
Ford and Culver are the two freshmen dorms here on campus, and are usually the locations for many great events. The notables in Culver include "Breakfast with the Baas's", a fiesta complete with the movie *The Three Amigos*, and a favorite called "The 12 Days of Christmas," where the freshmen boys participated in competitions from Minute to Win It. Throughout the year in Ford, the freshmen girls enjoyed all-dorm birthday parties, "family dinners" at Lindsay's house, Bible studies, and delicious dorm breakfasts. Whether a boy in Culver or a girl in Ford, fun was had by all freshmen living in on-campus housing.





# sutherland & dooley

Sutherland welcomed Andy Curry as the brand new RD this year, and students quickly fell love with Andy and his family. Sutherland hosted a number of events including "Pollo Loc" paintball, a camping trip, laser tag, and movie marathons. Dooley's beloved Robbyn Lane spent her last year as an RD at NNU this year. Robbyn graced NNU for 36 years and her warm, kind, and inviting spirit never failed to make students smile. She had a special way of touching lives and no one can deny that she left a lasting impact here at NNU. Dooley had a number of events this year including Pizza at Robbyn's, Cupcakes and Catchphrase, Hip Hop Abs, a cake decorating competition, and many more.







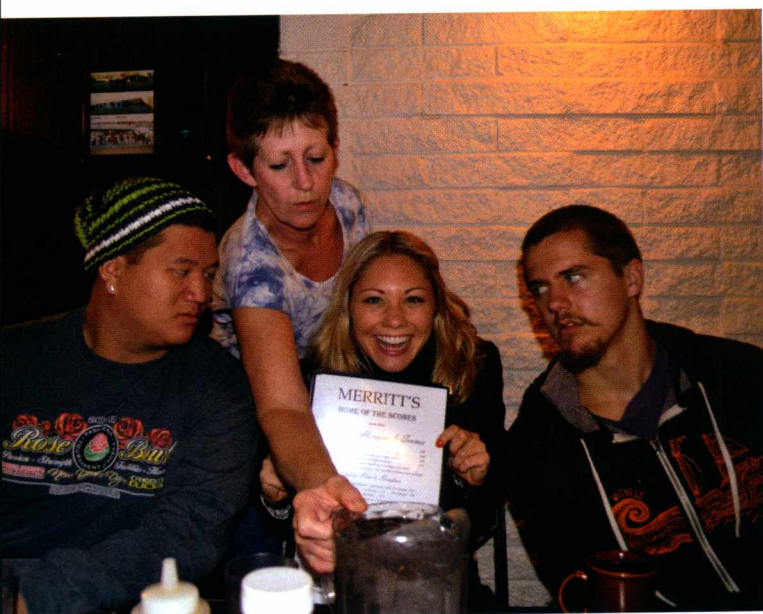
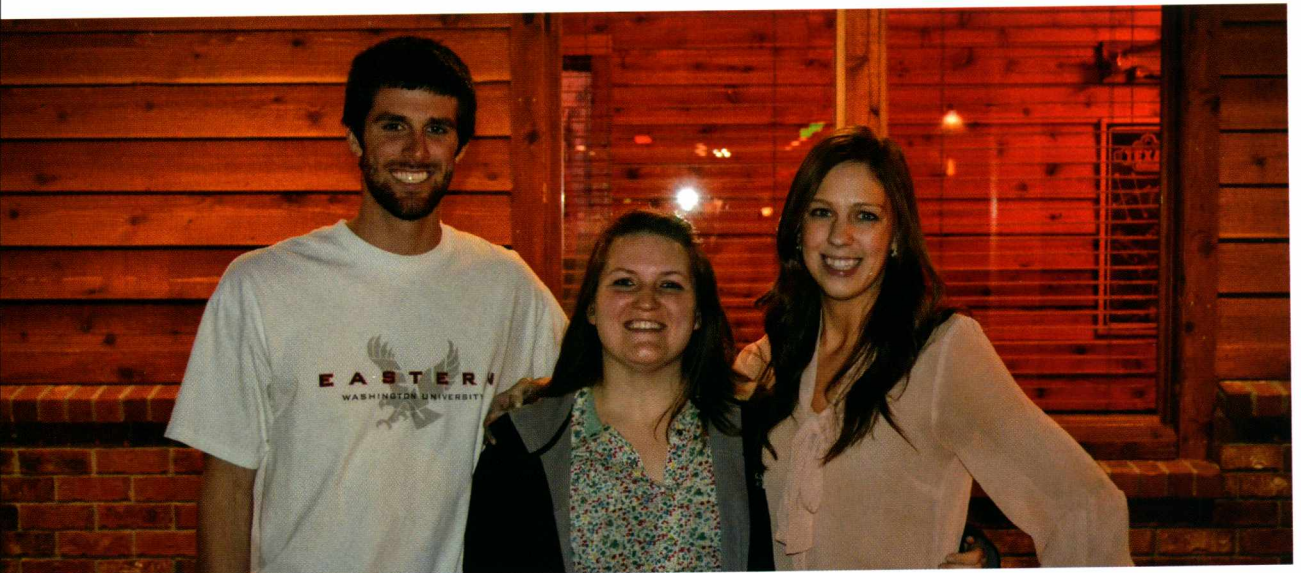






# corlett, olsen, & holly

Corlett, Olsen, and Holly are on-campus housing options for upperclassmen. In Corlett and Olsen many events were held throughout the year including Messenger Pizza and a Movie, Thanksgiving Dinner in the Lobby, a Redneck Christmas Party (with Holly), and Fear Factor: Couple's Edition. Residents of Corlett and Olsen enjoy Danna's Doughnuts once a month where RD Danna Hammer provides a great study break for students to come and eat treats. Holly's RD, NNU Alumn Kylee Vienna, with the help of her RA's, Lauren Hartford and Jered Bates, had a busy and successful year. The beginning of the year was filled with BBQs, Merits runs, game nights, and bonfires. Kylee led a group throughout the year called 'Holly'lujah', which was a Bible study that met on Sunday nights. Kylee noted, "I have found it to be a very wonderful place to live and grow with one another."



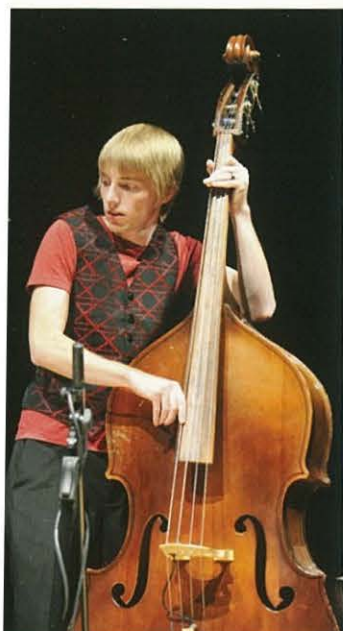


# band

While NNU's student body represents a large pool of creative talent both the Concert Band and Jazz Combo embody the best of musical talent. Under the direction of Dr. Casey Christophe thirty-six students brought a taste of culture to the Treasure Valley. As a community outreach Nampa High's concert band and wind ensemble joined students to perform "Angels in the Architecture" in the Fall Season. As a whole, the Concert Band and Jazz Combo inspire the community to appreciate the Performing Arts.













We are privileged to have more than just one choir on campus. Students can exercise those vocal chords in the University Men's Choir, Bella Voce, the Northwesterners, or the Crusader Choir. These choirs had many wonderful performances throughout the year, including all Bella Voce's concert trips to churches around the northwest. This summer, the Crusader Choir is going to Ireland and London to use their talents to spread the Gospel!



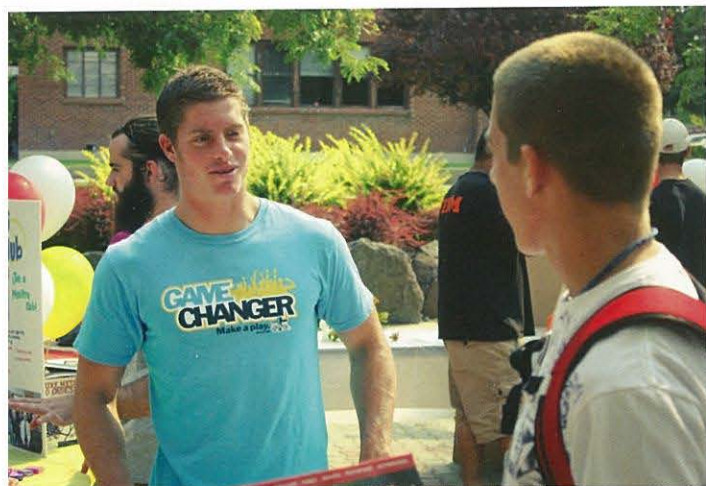


# club fair

We have a variety of clubs here at NNU that get students involved. Clubs help build a tight-knit community on campus. No matter what a student's interests are, there is a club for everyone. Many of our clubs use their resources to reach out to the community; some dedicate their time to visiting a local retirement home periodically while others work to raise money to send across the globe. Getting involved in a club is a great way to meet new people with similar interests and to make a difference in our community.









Counter-Clockwise from top left: Seed Team, Bike Club, RockSat Team, American Marketing Association, ROTC





## clubs & organizations





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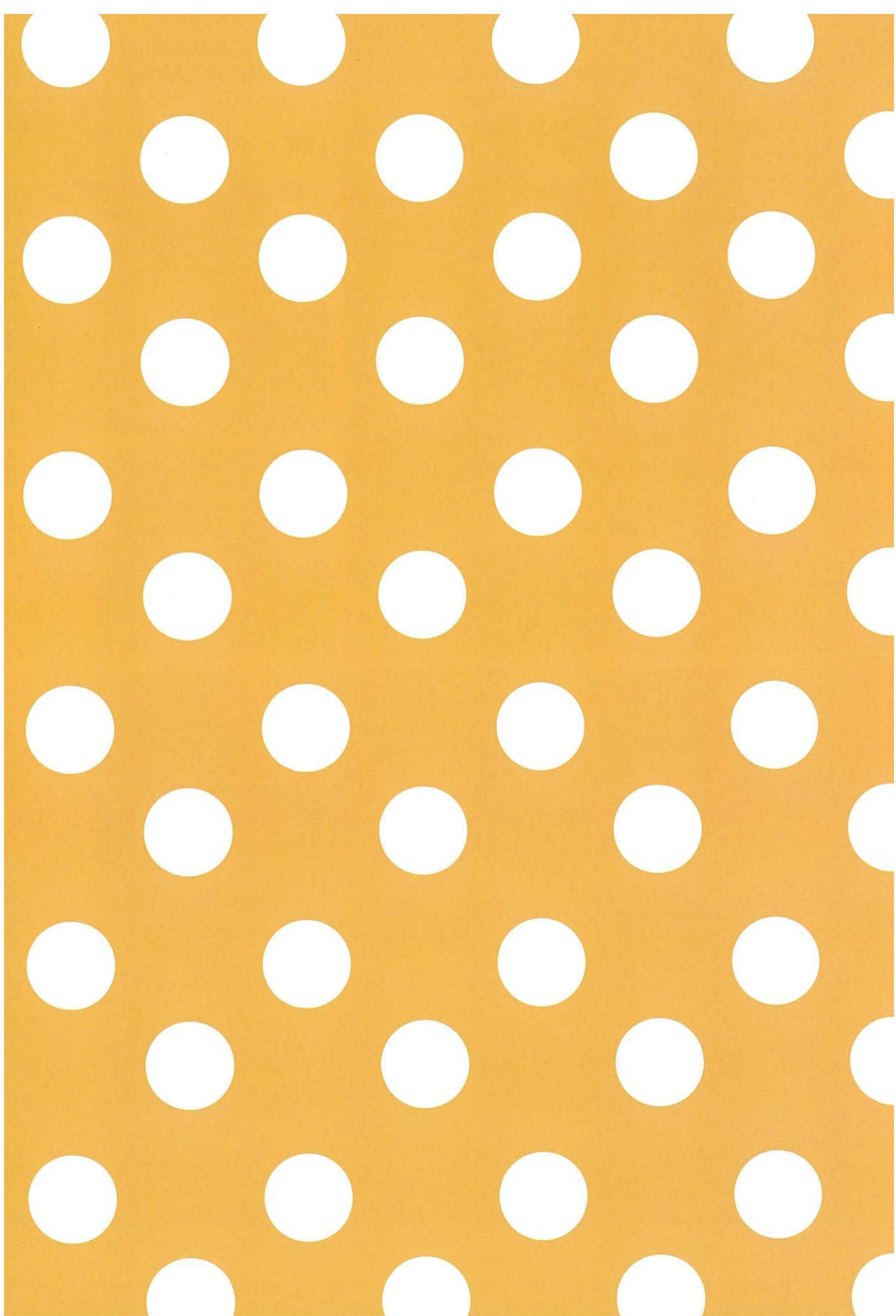




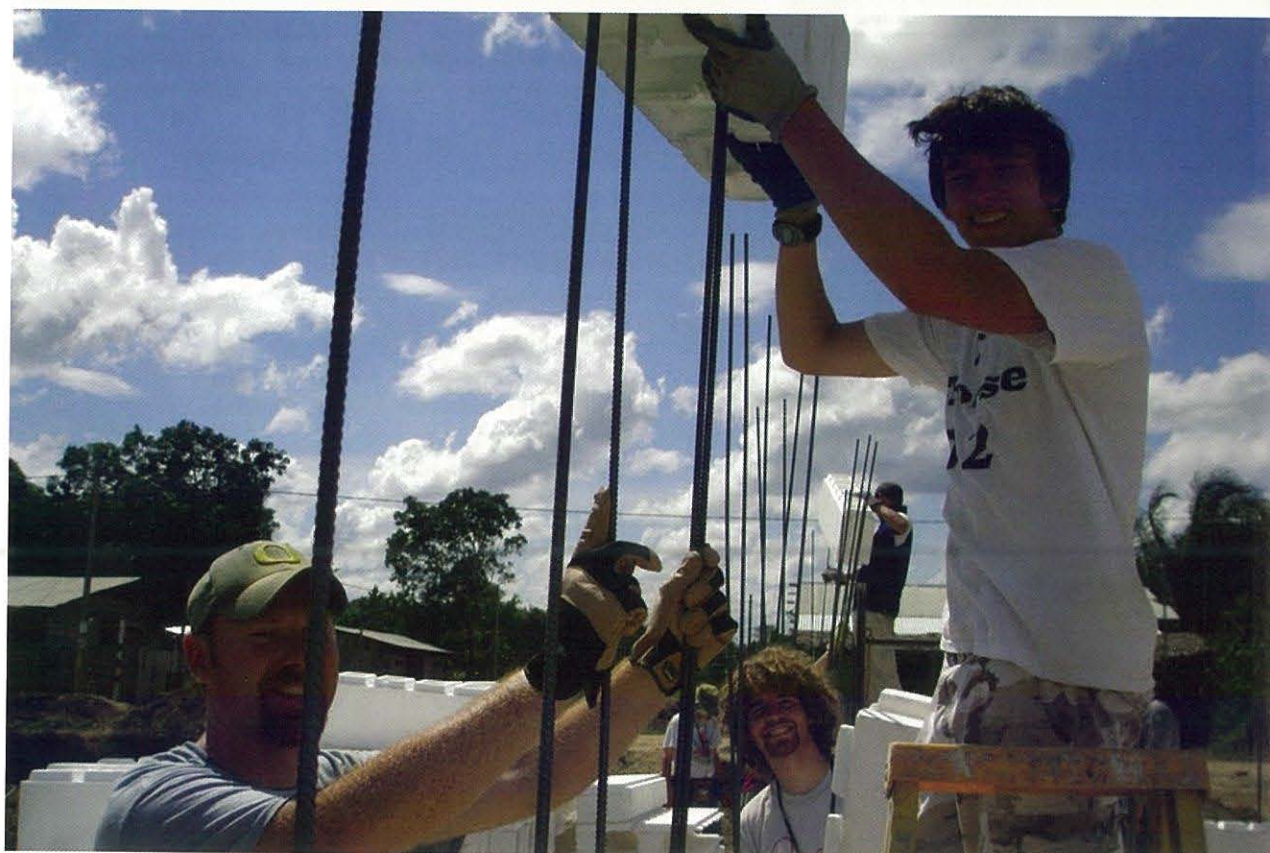


student life











## summer missions

Many students at NNU find amazing opportunities to participate in various summer mission trips. This year, 8 students traveled to Vancouver BC, 13 students to Ukraine, and 17 students to Peru. Kelsey Shacklett went to Ukraine and came back with the knowledge that “love transcends language”. She shared, “even though it was frustrating at times to not be able to communicate with the people, at the end of the day our actions of love in the name of Christ spoke louder and greater than anything we could have said”. Luke Hetrick and Jesse Keeler were two of the students on the team that went to Peru. Jesse explained that the group “put up 17 medical clinics and saw nearly 1400 patients within two weeks”. Luke said that his favorite part of the trip was “getting to see a people of such passion. It did not matter what the Peruvians were doing, they were very passionate about it be it the Lord, their work, or just a one-on-one conversation”. It is always awesome to hear about the life-changing experiences our students have abroad!





# move-in day

Move-in day was a little sweaty, but was full of laughter and bittersweet goodbyes. The Lead participants made sure to provide a warm welcome to all the incoming freshmen. They got settled in and started exploring the campus. Meanwhile, the upperclassmen were reconnecting with friends in anticipation for the upcoming welcome-back week.







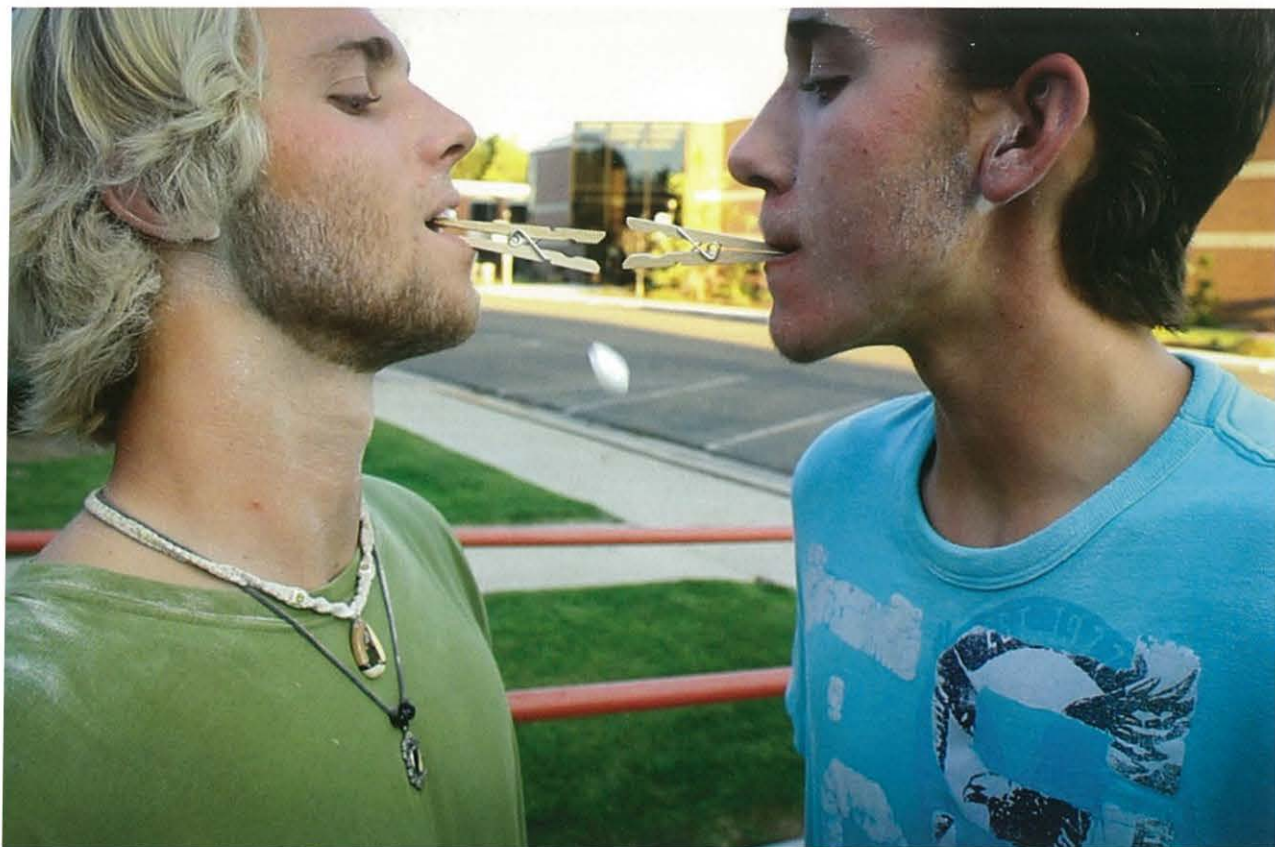


# scavenger hunt

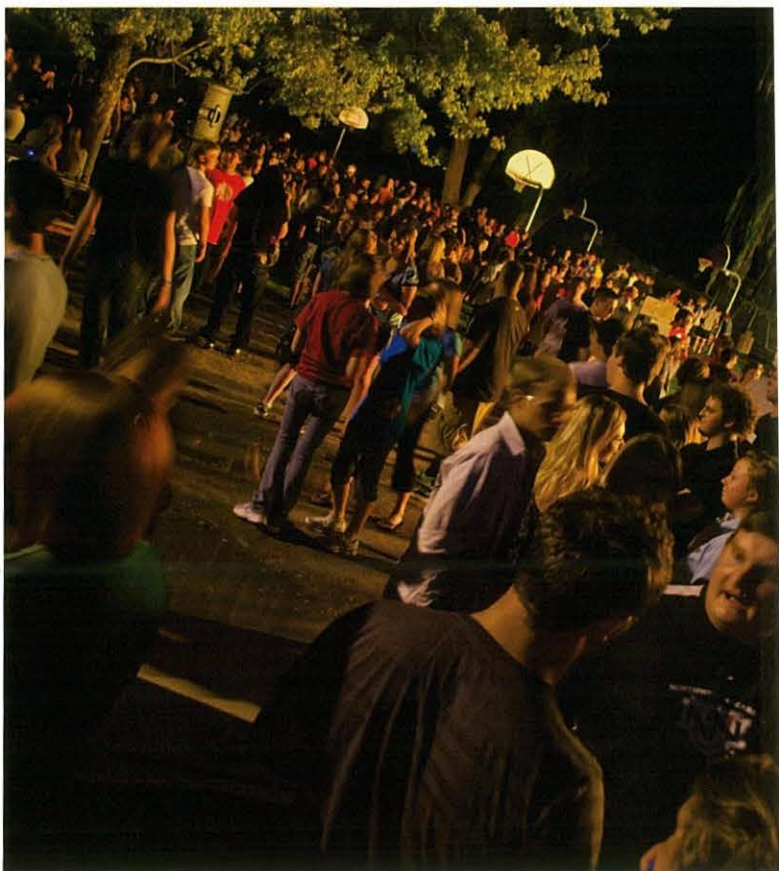
Freshmen scampered across NNU's campus as they rotated from station to station in Week One's Scavenger Hunt. The hunt consisted of (among other scrumptious tastes and aromas) raw fish, a bologna toss, and chugging milk. The scavenger hunt placed each freshman in a random group, creating the perfect atmosphere for the new class to bond and start new friendships. Student leaders thoroughly enjoyed running the stations and getting to know each freshman at this energetic and silly event.













# bonfire

The annual Week One SGA Bonfire is always a favorite among NNU students. This year, the fire was lit Olympic-style; each class had a representative carry a flaming torch to commence the burning of the bonfire. There was marshmallow roasting, cheerful banter, and an impromptu dance party. The cupid shuffle and the electric slide were two favorite dances and it was a blast for the NNU community to get their groove on. This event is always a great way for all of the new students to meet and form relationships.



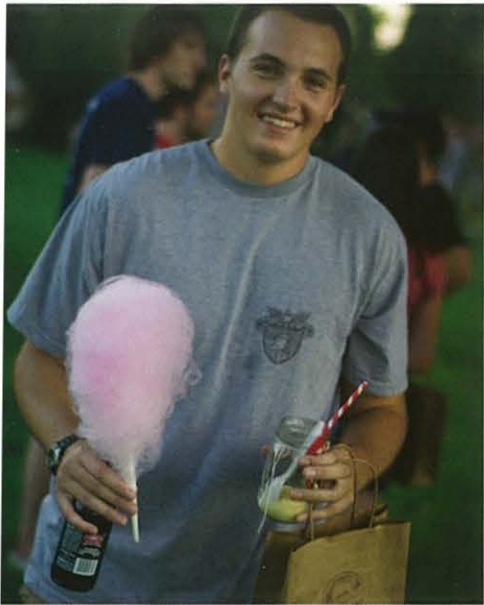


# rootbeer fest

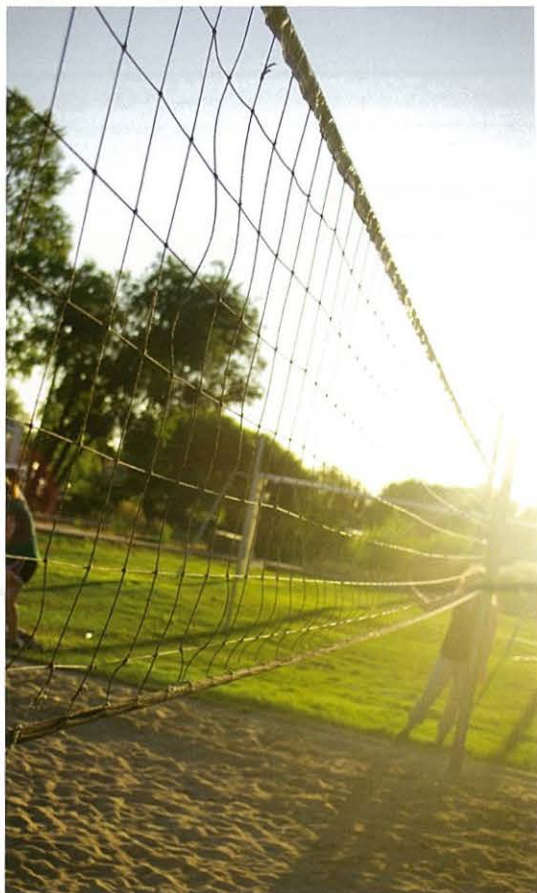
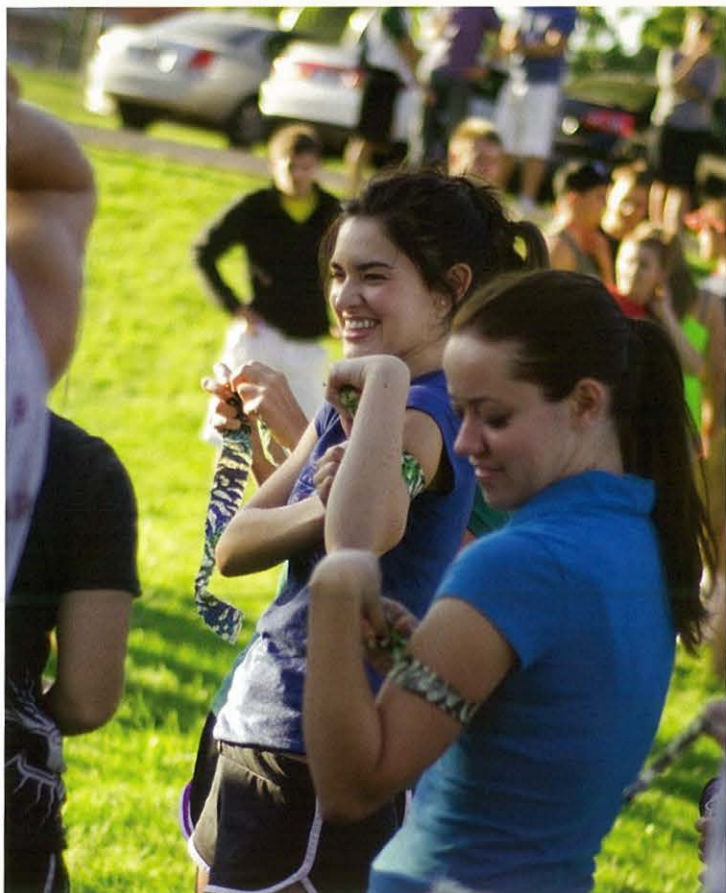
On the eve before classes began, students gathered for RootbeerFest on the Brandt Center lawn. The evening carnival started off with everyone enjoying cotton candy, rootbeer floats, popcorn, and fun games. As the sun started to set, students settled in with cozy blankets on the lawn to watch *The Princess Bride*, which played on the big screen. As always, the event was a big hit and a fantastic way to start off the first week of school!













## friday night lights

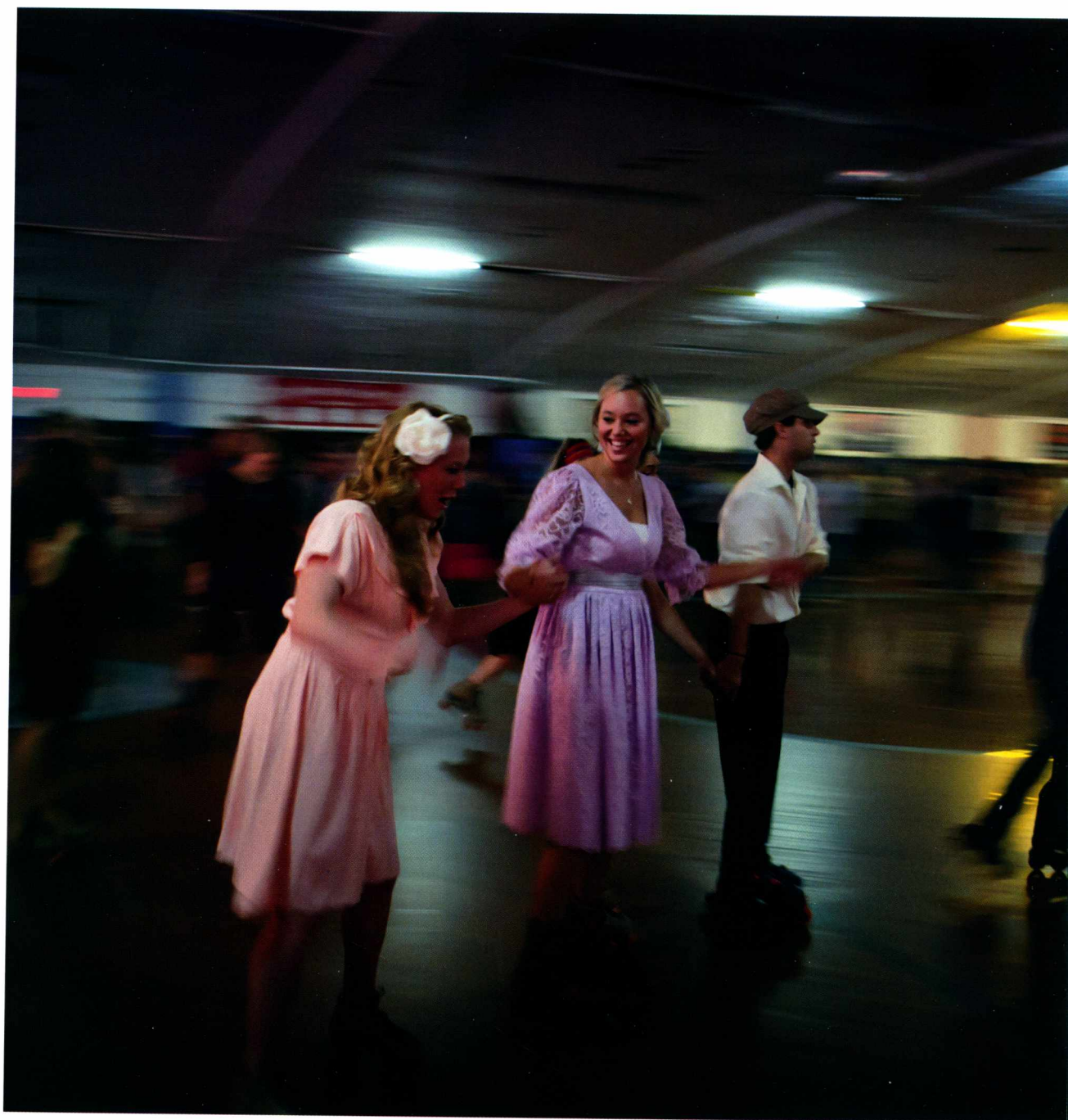
Friday Night Lights kicked off the finale of the Week One events. This night of fierce competition pitted up different wings from each dorm, all striving to win the Golden Gatorade Trophy (and bragging rights, of course). The games included tug-o-war, dizzy baseball, a speed walking race, "Trivia by Trygg", water balloon volleyball, and a dance off tie-breaker, ultimately won by Kelly Cook and her team.



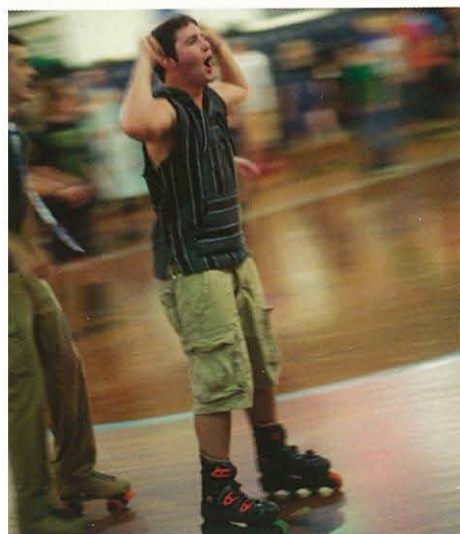


# rollerscamming

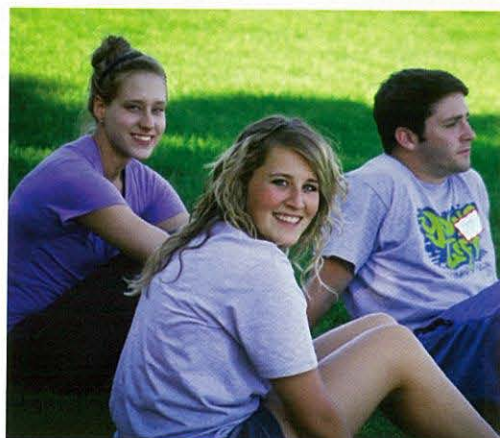
Going along with Week One's theme of Trash to Treasures, students who attended Rollerscamming at the Nampa Roller Drome dressed as if they were headed to "the thrift store prom". Students got creative with the theme, and Rimar Christie and Lauren Hartford were crowned "prom" king and queen at the end of the evening. Aside from a few minor injuries, all students enjoyed this quirky event.













# freshman retreat

“48 hours of fun and friend-making” is how Tim Milburn describes Freshman Retreat. Freshman Retreat took place this year at Trinity Pines in Cascade, Idaho. The new students were able to get to know each other and begin to establish their identity as a class. On the trip, there was a variety of staff, faculty, and upper-division students who attended and shared their stories about their connection to the NNU community. Activities included introducing a medley of NNU traditions, Country-line dancing, and watching Kung Fu Panda 2. Freshman students got on a bus on Saturday morning barely knowing each other's names, but when they arrive on Monday, they've established friendships that will last for the rest of their lives.



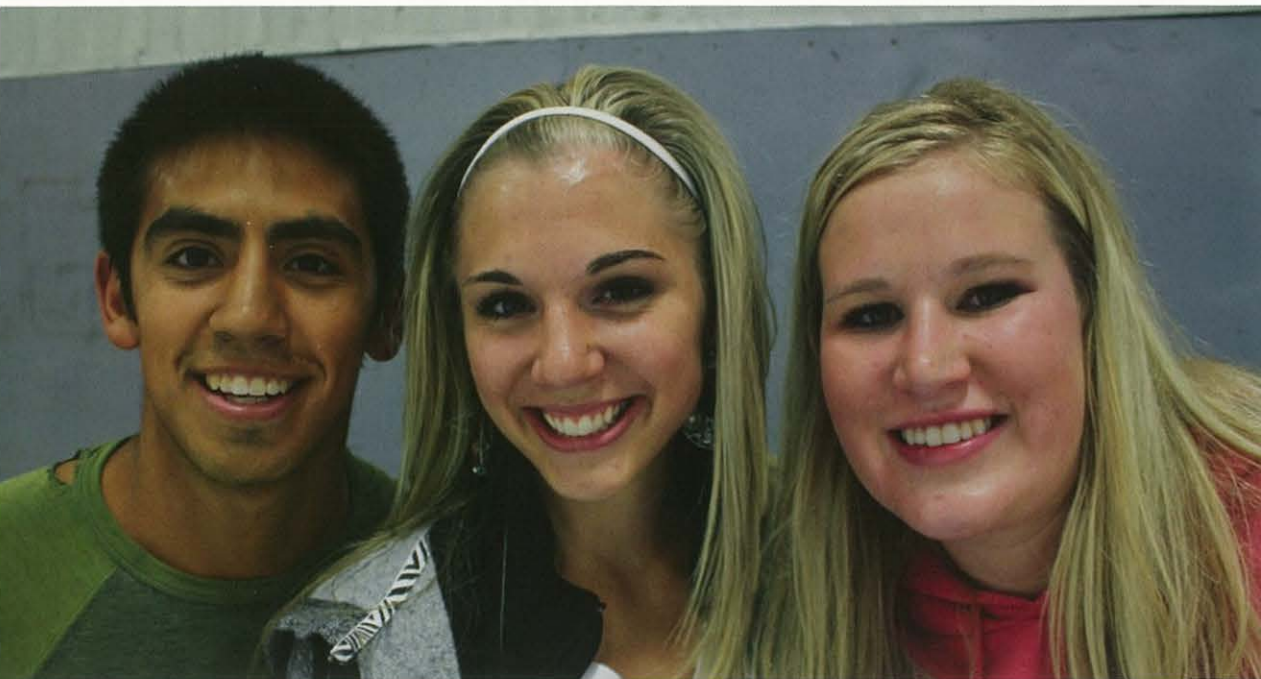
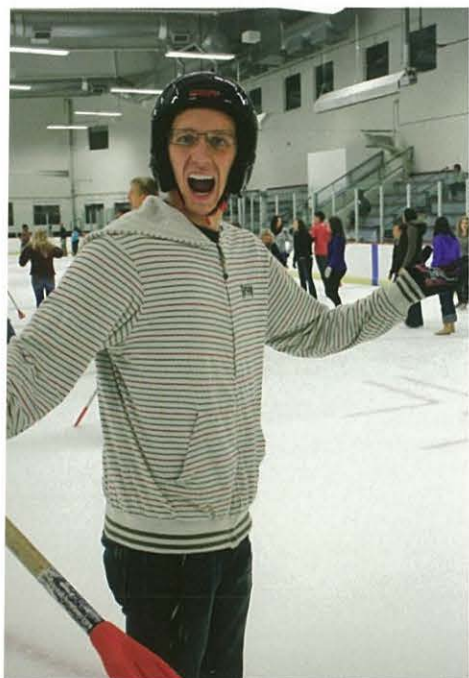


# broom hockey

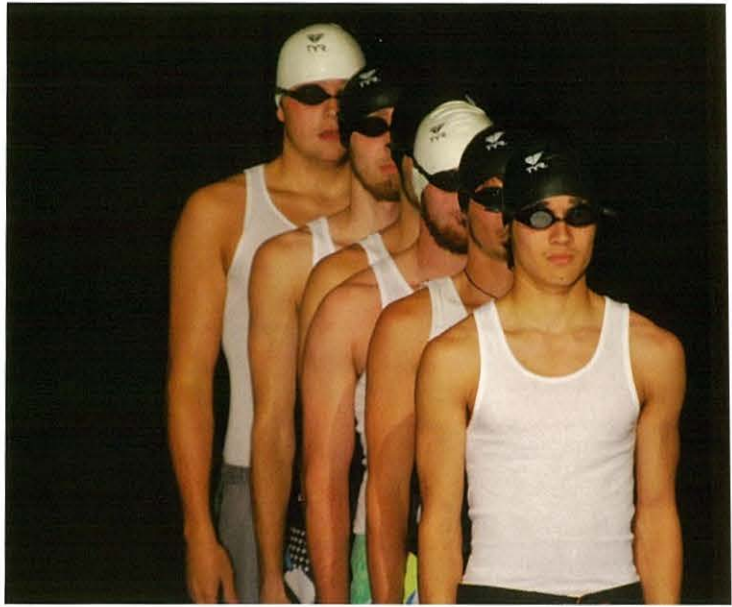
Students dressed in winter attire arrived at Idaho Ice World for an evening of slipping and sliding across the rink while playing an assortment of games. A favorite activity, and one where everyone struggled to stay on their feet, was Red Light Green Light. But the main event was Broom Hockey, where the junior class emerged victorious among the classes. Although students may have left Idaho Ice World with a few bumps and bruises, they all had a great time and a lot of laughs at this fun event.













This year's Fresheree Variety Show highlighted many new talents from synchronized swimming to funny renditions of SNL skits. Hosts Jessica Weaver and Brandon Snyder made sure there wasn't a dull moment. The night showcased a funny Awkward Family Photos sideshow, and left people in awe after the Multicultural Club's dance number. This year's theme was "Take it to the Street", and was a great hit yo!





# twirp

TWIRP attendance reached an all-time high with over 400 students participating in the massive, circus-themed group date. The two-day event consisted of a haunted corn maze, delicious food from Pita Pit, Mongolian Grill, or Pie Hole in downtown Boise, and hilarious comedy at the Egyptian Theater. On day two, students came decked out in their finest circus costumes and made their own ice cream. After seeing the Wizard of Oz at the Nampa Civic Center, everyone headed to the fun carnival at Still Water Hollow where the night ended with a sky full of glowing lanterns.















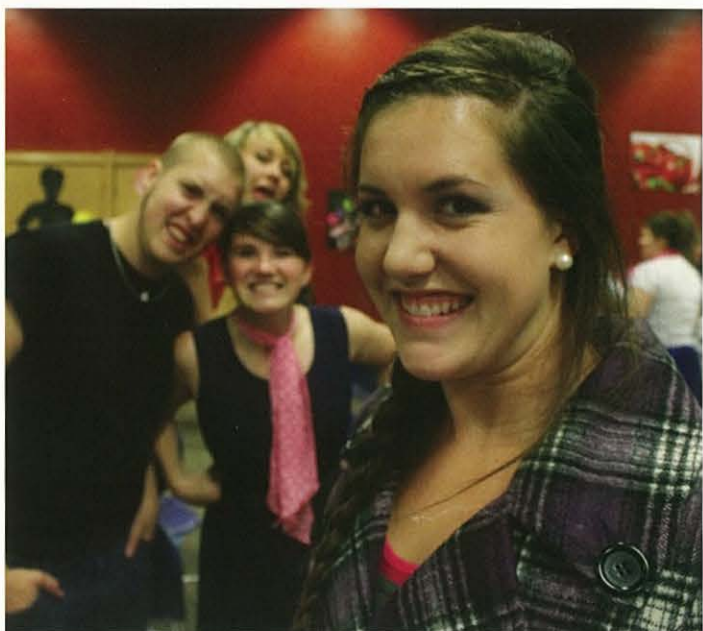


# homecoming

Homecoming is a weekend dedicated to NNU's timeless traditions and community connections. From hundreds of alumni attending class reunions, to dozens of family members coming to visit, the campus is bustling with activity. This year's Homecoming King was Maurus Hope, who was accompanied by Queen, Kelsie Carlson. After the Homecoming basketball game, students and alum attended 50's Slick, which was put on by the senior and junior class councils. The night was a throw back to the 1950s, with music, food, and a photo booth.













# fall play: the brothers grimm

The fall play this year was entitled "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon". Students of all ages starred in this light hearted and hilarious production. Audience involvement was a major hit, as the characters called-out and made fun of randomly chosen spectators. Andrew Curtis had the audience roaring with laughter as he took on the role of a number of characters all at one time, many of which were female.



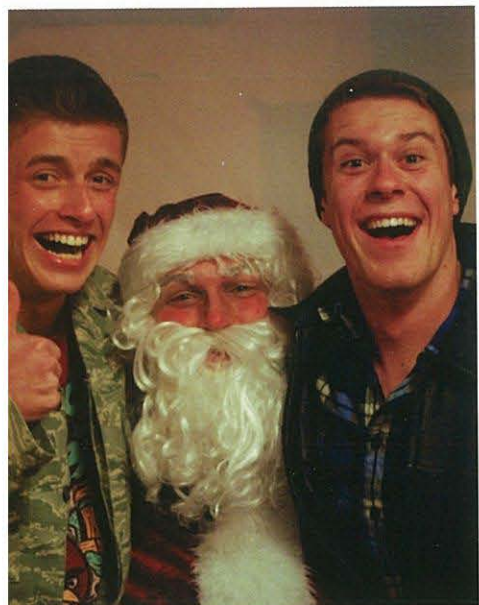


# procrastination party

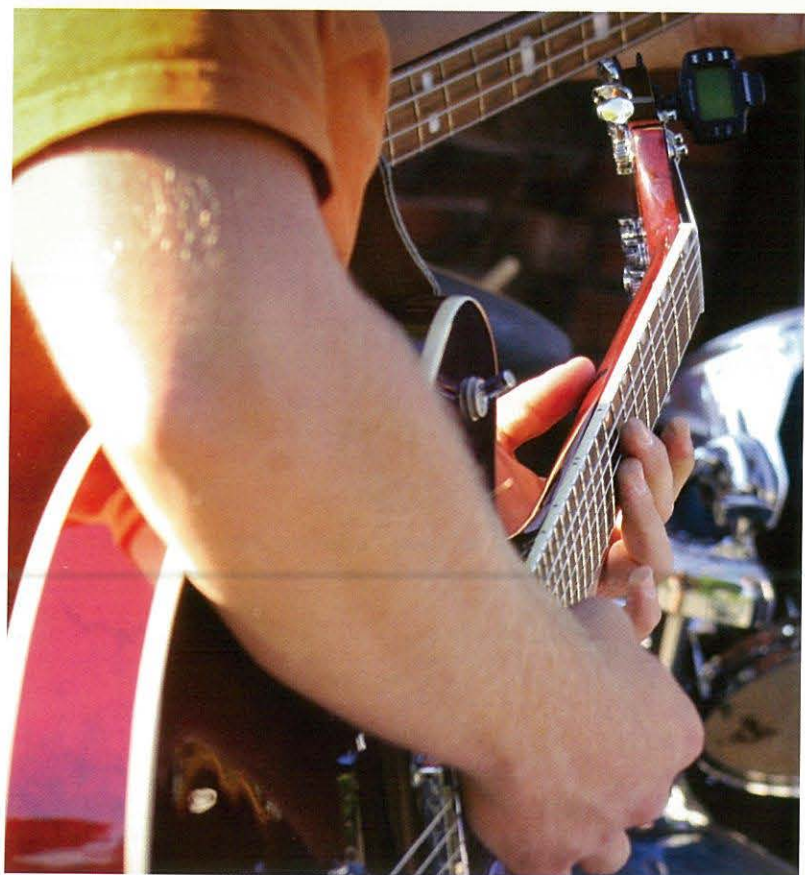
The procrastination party was a fun event to help students avoid all their tedious responsibilities. There were many fun things to do, such as take a picture with jolly Saint Nick, decorate a sugar cookie, and enter a gingerbread house contest. This year, Sons of Day put on a concert following the festivities. The Procrastination Party is always a fantastic distraction from stress at the end of the fall semester!













## campus league activities

Campus League is a series of activities throughout the year lead by Kenton Lee. This year included Country Line Dance Lessons, The Hide-N-Seek World Record, College Bucket List Round 1 (4 events including Secret Spots, Traditions, Dex Games, and Campus Golf), The Chad and Aaron Bowling Tournament, The Amazing Race: Treasure Valley, TAGGED, Humans vs. Zombies, College Bucket List Round 2 (Secret Spots 2, Big Game Night, Fruit Rockets), and the Annual Chili Cook-Off.





# community serve day

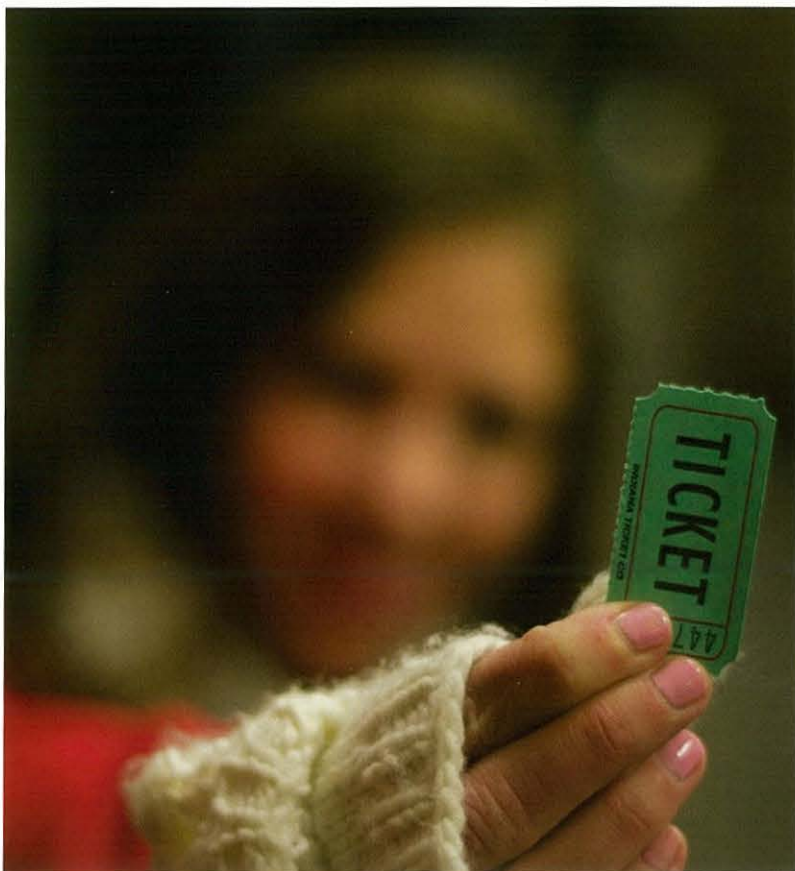
Community service is a big deal here at NNU and we take pride in helping out our neighbors. On Fall Serve Day, students spread throughout the community of Nampa to help with projects like painting houses and weeding gardens. After completing their projects, all the participants came together to share their experiences and enjoy a picnic lunch. For the first time, NNU held a second Serve Day in the spring where students gathered canned foods for the Idaho Food Bank. Thanks to the planning of Community Relations Coordinator, Jessica Weaver, everyone took pride in representing NNU and making Nampa a more beautiful place.













# wednesday night live

udent Center Director Brandon Snyder planned a variety of shows and fun activities this year for Wednesday Night Live. A couple of highlights from the year were the Garage Voice concert and NNU Idol. At NNU Idol, students were given the opportunity to sing in front of a packed crowd. The songs differed greatly, as some performed Cee Lo covers while others sang original compositions. At the end of the night, Adam Freiburghaus and Chris Peck were named the winners for their unique rendition of "An Elephant Melody".





# time out

TimeOut is a student led service held every Wednesday night that is meant to give students a break from the rigor of school in order to commune with God. Campus Ministries Coordinator Ben Heidegger, coined the theme used throughout the year, "becoming the community God intended." One of the highlights was an all-worship service that included 4 stations set up to help students encounter God. These stations included foot washing, prophetic painting comparing how we view ourselves with how God views us, and nailing our struggles and burdens to the cross. Student testimonies touched the hearts of all who heard, and the heartfelt worship helped students' spiritual growth.













## brick house

Grant Miller moved into the Brick House this year, and with the help of Chris Peck, Tim Treight, Dorothy Ackerman and Kelsey Koch, did a fantastic job keeping its traditions alive. The Brick House was always known for its fun swings and movie theater, but now the drink menu draws a crowd thanks to creative additions! A Nerd Bath is just one to name, as well as the magical Harry Potter drinks! Whether you are going to just hang out or to get a little pick-up on a Thursday night, the brick house always has something to offer!





# week back

To kick off the spring semester, Social VP Autumn Tustin reserved the Nampa Rec Center to give students a place to reunite and burn off those holiday treats. Everyone took part in a variety of activities like basketball, swimming, and rock climbing. But of course, it wouldn't be a great event without Messenger pizza and other snacks to replace those burned calories.





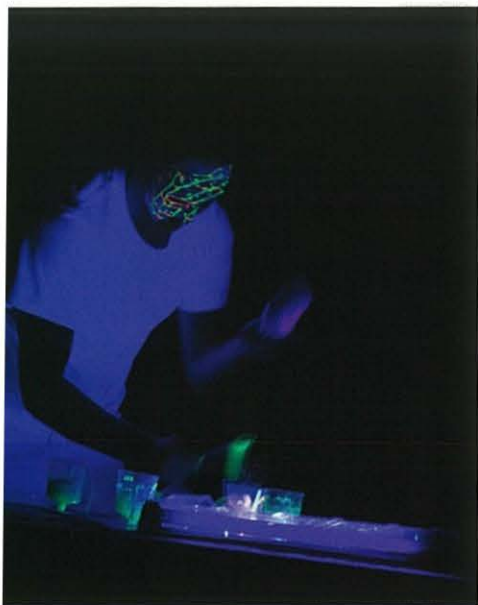




Miss America would not stand a chance against the infamous tradition of Mr. NNU. This year's acts included tennis ball dancing, some off key singing, Blue Man Group inspired palm drumming, and a "how to date at NNU" sketch. The pageant was stolen by Mr. Robby Skinner as he reenacted the opening scene to Lion King as Rafiki and when he shaved his entire head paying tribute to no shave decembeard as Dr. Alexander did. This won him the title of Mr. NNU, breaking the long streak of Senior-class winners. Sophomore Tyler Dooghen showed off his moves and won over the judges with a little help from his cute siblings, coming in second. Nathaniel Leslie placed third with an interesting interview and some crazy funny videos. All the guys did great and we can only wait for what is in store for next year!













# winter awakening

Scott Evans, a youth officer for the Church of Ireland, visited NNU for this year's Winter awakening. He spoke against pop-culture Christianity in the first chapel service. The Wednesday and Thursday night services revolved around "coming home" to our Father and finding healing from all our past hurts and sins through Him. He spoke on Friday about how to shift our Christian thinking from "do's and don'ts" to his "further, closer, and closer still" model. Scott made himself available for conversations with students every day at the Flying I. The Friday night service was the highlight because despite there being no chapel credit, hundreds of students turned out!



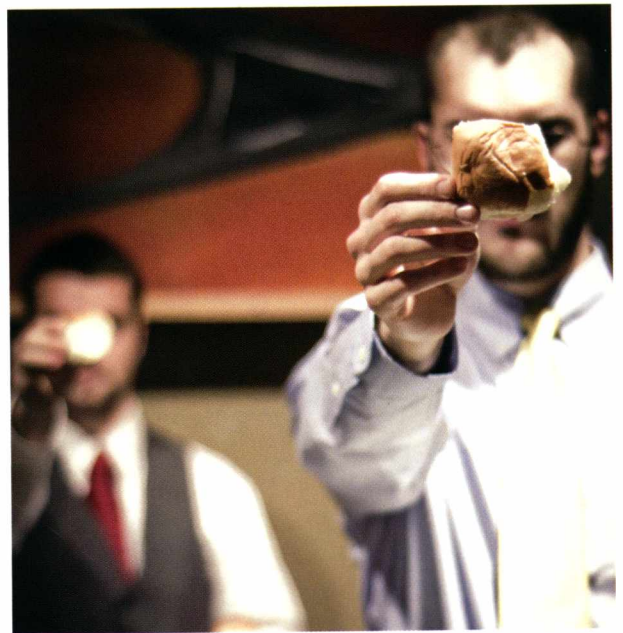






## the black tie

The Black Tie was a classy event planned by our Social Vice President, Autumn Tustin. Students arrived at the Linen Building in downtown Boise and enjoyed a Polynesian meal complete with a chocolate fountain. Throughout dinner, the SGA granted wishes. Samantha Hill wished to have Jared Trygg present at The Black Tie, Michael Gordon wished that his date, Mikayla Michaelson, would feel like a princess for the evening, and Logan Freiburghaus wished that he could fly! All of these wishes, and many more, were creatively granted. After dinner the students enjoyed a private viewing of *The Artist* at The Flicks.



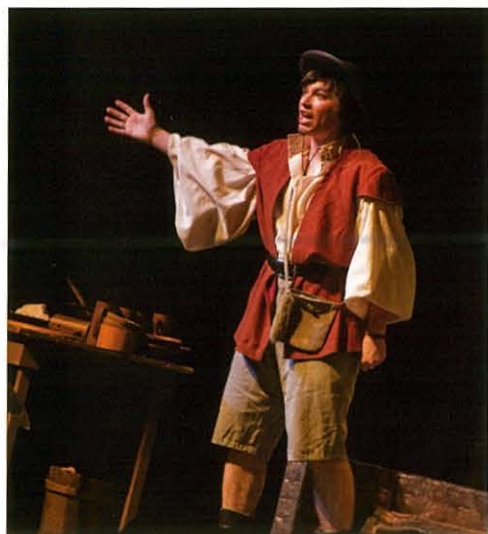














## spring play: man of la mancha

The spring musical, "Man of La Mancha," told the story of Don Quixote's quest during the Spanish Inquisition. The cast was led by the talented sophomore, B.J. Howard, who played Don Quixote, and his trusty sidekick, Devon Ellis, who played Sancho. Others in the cast included Jackie Presnell, Jordan Brawner, Aubrielle Holly, Andy Zane, and Nick Bullock. Along with the lead characters there were over 20 other actors and actresses, crew, and stage hands involved in the production. During the play's three-night run, over 2300 theater-goers came to be a part of the audience. Directed by Rick Strader and Dr. Barry Swanson, the show was a resounding success, encouraging audiences to "Dream the Impossible Dream."







athletics











## women's soccer

This year the Women's Soccer Team started off by spending a portion of their summer serving in Guatemala. At each of their games, they continued to raise money to send back financial support to Guatemala. They finished their season with Celina Mortensen being named 2nd team-All-GNAC in addition to Jenny Fields being selected for the GNAC Soccer All-Academic team. The Crusader ladies worked hard throughout the entire season and made some great memories together!





# men's soccer

This year the NNU Men's Soccer team completed their first four years of competition in NCAA Division II Athletics since the program's beginning in 2008. Junior Stephen Marshall and Senior Alex Mangeac earned post-season recognition for their performances during the season. The team continues to grow as they added two international players to the roster and contended well against the number two team in the nation, Simon-Fraser.







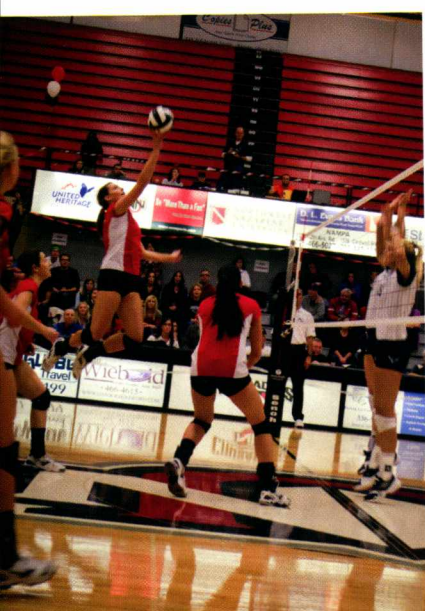
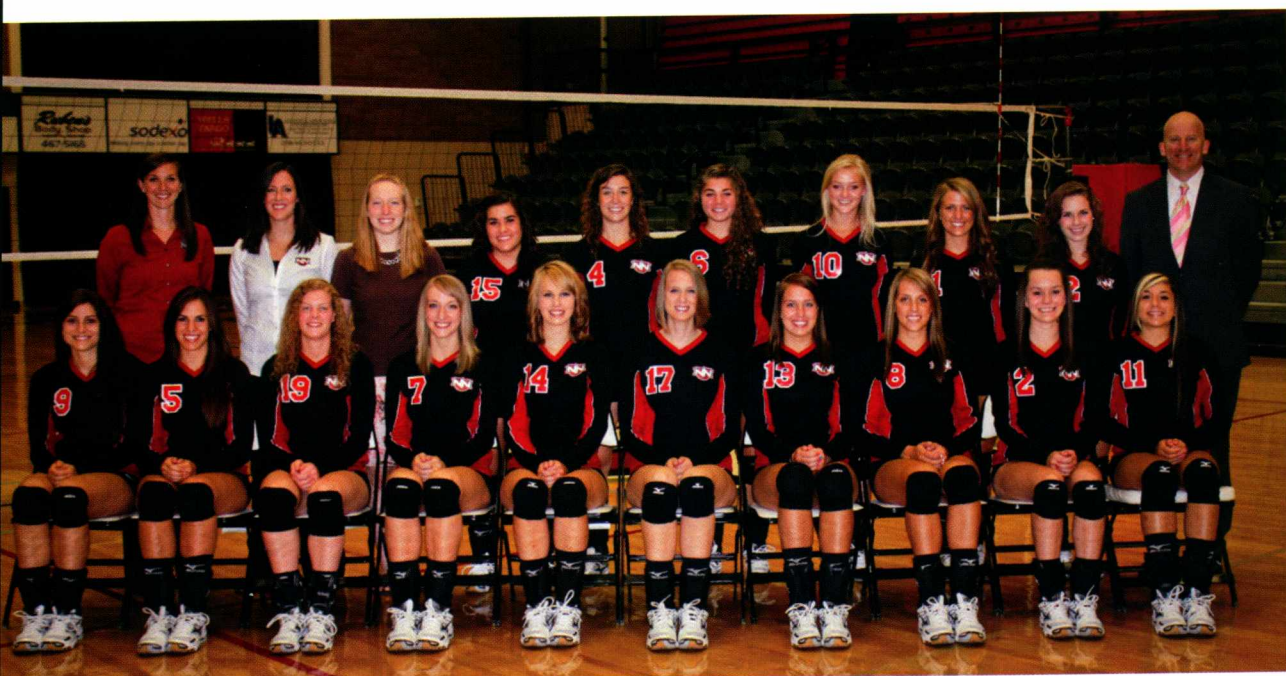






# volleyball

The Volleyball team ended the year with a record of 17-8 overall. The departing seniors included Briana Claassen, Laticia Lehman, Kailey Trautmann, Haley Abbott, and Reisaessler. Kaitlyn Tuholski led the team in serves, points, and kills, thanks to the leader in sets, Michelle Terpstra. The defense was strong thanks to Kailey Trautman's digs and Haley Abbott, who put up an indestructible wall, leading the team in blocks. The Crusaders lead the league with 7 all academic selections in the GNAC. It's safe to say the girls had a very successful season.





# cross country

This was a great year for many members of our Cross Country team. Jesse Baggenstos, Kale Fleenor and Meagan Swenson were all honored by the USA Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association for academic excellence for Division II. Barak Watson not only took 8th at nationals and 3rd at GNAC but also earned All American Honors. Natalie Evans was also successful this season and took 16th at GNAC. This was a great way to end coach Ben Gall's last season with the team.













# women's basketball

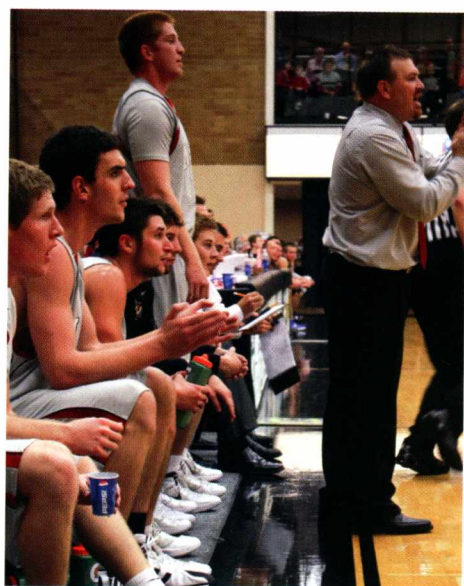
The Women's Basketball Team ended out the year with 11 conference wins, earning themselves the 3rd seed spot in the GNAC women's basketball championship semi-finals! Megan Hingston had many high scoring games, the highest being vs. Cal State L.A. with 32 points and 13 rebounds. Seniors this year included Alla Dzhidzhievskaya, Falissa Smith, Monica Garcia, and Briaunna King. The women's highest scoring game was December 17th against Walla Walla with a blowout score of 107-44! Great job this year ladies!





# men's basketball

First year coach Dave Daniels guided the men's basketball team to an overall record of 12- on the season, capped by a hard-fought loss to Saint Martin's. They finished 7th in the GNAC posting a 6-12 conference record, but were able to secure bragging rights by sweeping the season series with arch rival C of I- which is what matters most in the minds of NNU student. Senior guard Anthony Golden, Junior guard Jonathan Hawkins and Junior forward JB Pilla were all named as Honorable Mention selections to the GNAC All-Conference Team. Although the team will miss the leadership and scoring ability of Golden, many of this year's key players are returning for another push at a birth in the postseason tournament.







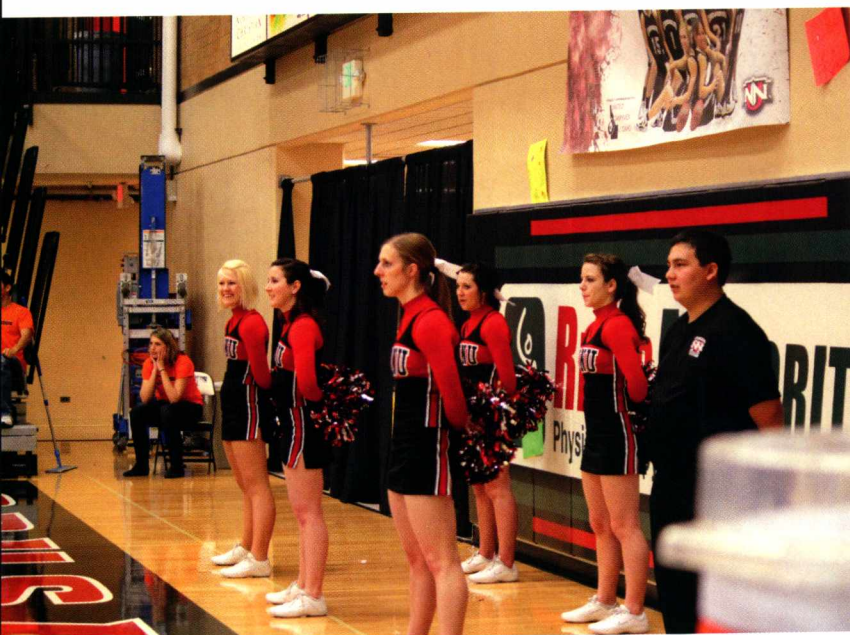






# cheerleading

Supporting events would just not be the same without our cheerleaders! Amber Maude shared that one of her favorite memories from this year was the stunt performance she described as "fun and great routine... We performed during half time at a basketball game and at an all-star cheer competition to promote NNU cheerleading". The Cheer Squad performed this year during Midnight Madness, both men's and women's home games, in support of men's games C of I, and at the 3P Cheer Explosion Competition. The squad also hosted a cheer clinic for grade-schoolers, co-hosted the "Cheer Explosion" competition in the JSC, and assisted with the Idaho High School Activities Association State Dance and Cheer Competition.





# softball

So far this year the softball team has seen some bright moments and giant steps in their quest of becoming a conference force. Their current overall record of 6-23 is not representative of the grittiness the team has displayed in stepping up against some tough competition. Highlights of the season include Senior Kristin Refsland's two-run walk-off homer to give the Crusaders a 3-2 win over Sonoma State, a series sweep of Western Oregon, and some impressive individual stats: a .407 batting average by Arielle Chao, a .733 slugging percentage by Liz Beaty, and 10 runs scored by Emily Renfrow. Beaty also leads the team with 7 home runs.













# baseball

This year's baseball team has made a strong showing so far, going 18-13 overall and 7-7 in conference play. The Crusaders came into the year with high hopes and expect to close out the season by making a run into the postseason. With Senior right-hander Zeb Sneed drawing attention from professional scouts with his potent fastball to Charlie Gorzo breaking two school records with three home runs and nine RBI's in a 25-4 victory over Minot State, this year's team has offered plenty of weekend afternoon entertainment for fans and students.





# track & field

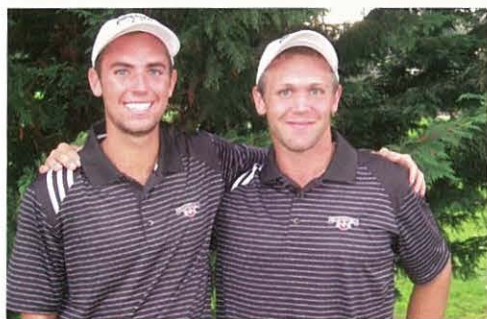
Track and field definitely had a year worth celebrating! Among Maurus Hope's many accomplishments he was named GNAC Indoor Track Male Athlete of the Year. Hope was All Conference at GNAC and won the 400 with a new meet record of 48.4 as well as taking first in the 200. Andrew Curtis and Joy Warrington were All Conference and Barrak Watson won the mile. Congratulations to all of our track and field athletes for their success!





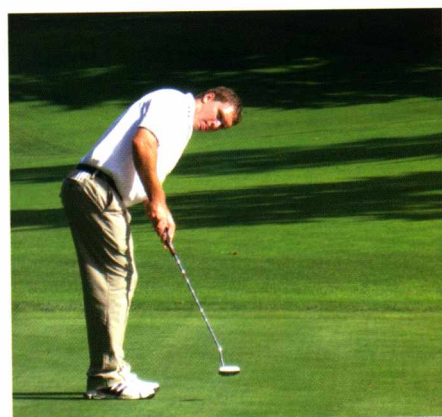




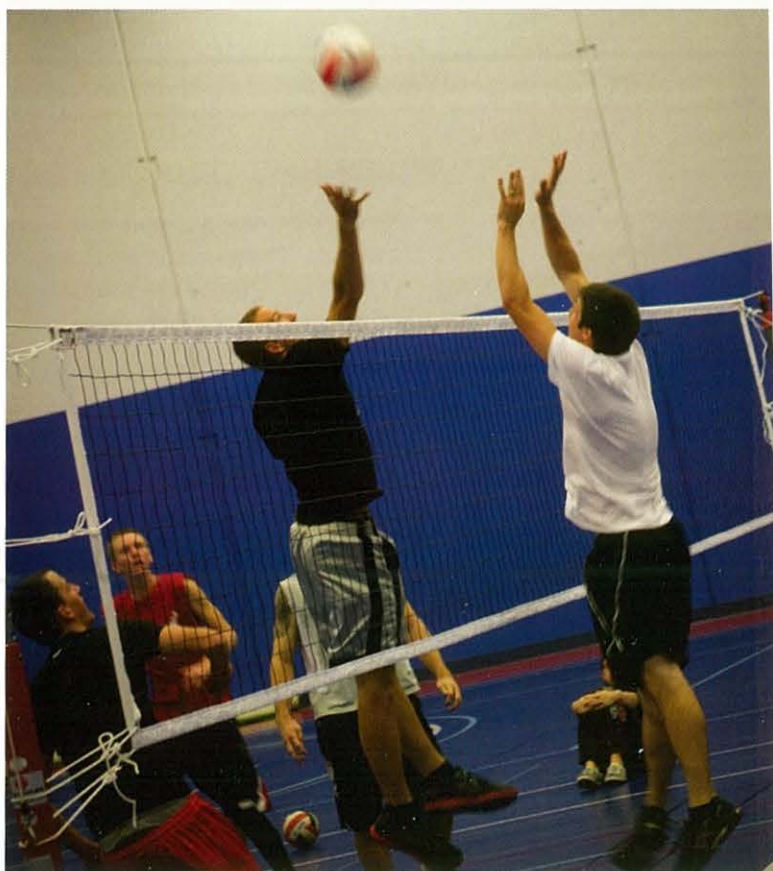




Senior Zach Grunig and junior Nick Hardy led the Crusader golf team throughout the season at a scoring average, helping the Crusaders to several quality tournament finishes. The Crusaders tied the NNU single-round team scoring record in 2012 (1-under par, 287) in a dual-match victory over The College of Idaho. Grunig finished his four-year career ranked in the top-five all-time at NNU in career scoring average. Clearly, it was a successful season for the Men's Golf team this year.









# fall intramurals

This fall students at NNU were able to get in touch with their competitive side through Campus League Sports. The intramural teams played tennis, flag football, ultimate frisbee, dodge ball, indoor and outdoor volleyball, indoor and outdoor soccer, basketball, and softball. Each sport had a fantastic turnout and students had a lot of fun playing.





# spring intramurals

Spring Campus League Sports included men's and women's basketball, coed soccer, and coed softball. Intramurals has always been a popular way to take a break from homework and spend time with friends. Whether you were trying to relive the glory days or just have some fun, Campus League Sports always provides a great outlet for those with athletic prowess.







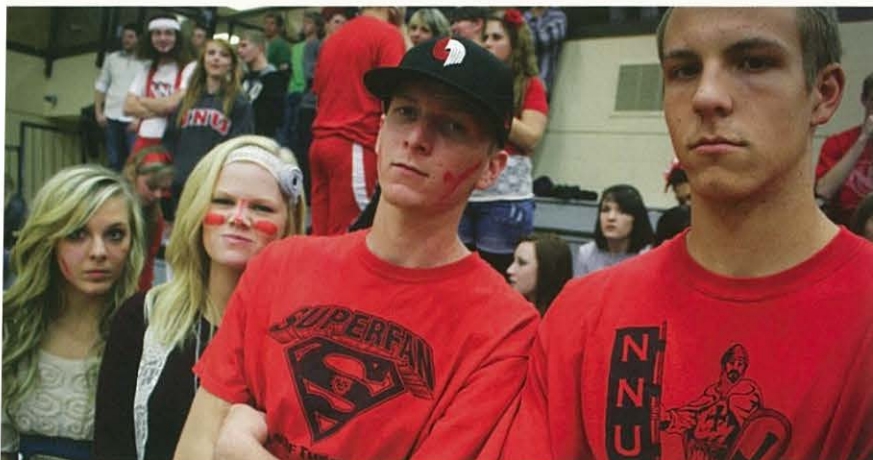


## cru crazies

We have had fantastic turnouts at sporting events this year, and the teams would not have nearly as much fun playing without their fans! The Cru-Zoo is a group of fan-leaders, led by Athletic Liaison Zach “Sooky” Lovell, that made a vow to be one-hundred-and-ten percent spirited at every single game. They cheer and start chants to help get the entire crowd pumped up! The Crusader fans are so supportive and make the games a blast to attend.











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# study abroad

NNU's students were spread far and wide across the world this year. From Jessie Cossel and Emily Van Stone down in Costa Rica to Alex Cunningham studying at Jerusalem University College in Israel, students had a chance to explore cultures and sights unique to those areas. Emma Roemhildt, Phil Derbesy, and Bryce Bartlett were all able to study at the prestigious Oxford, while Justin Hugus pursued his love of music at the Contemporary Music Center in Nashville. Many other students spent semesters abroad as well, and each student gained a lot of knowledge and fun memories from their experiences out of the country.









# who's who

Those chosen to receive the Who's Who honor are among the brightest and best of the senior and junior classes. Qualified upperclassmen were nominated by department chairs and faculty to be placed on the ballot. Nineteen students were then chosen among the nominations. The Who's Who representatives are given the honor of representing NNU in the publication "Who's Who Among Students."



## Liz Beaty

**Hometown:** Salem, Oregon

**Major:** Nursing Major, History Minor

**Offices & Activities:** RA in Dooley, SGA Campus Ministries Coordinator, senior class Senator, and 4 year member of the Softball team

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Romans 12:11-12

**Best Memory at NNU:** Sophomore year Meagan Swenson, Kelsey Shacklett and I took a giant stuffed Tigger (from Winnie the Pooh) to Walmart with us. We put him in the cart where a child would ride, had him try out the swings and collected a fair share of silly looks. Oh, the things you get away with at Walmart!



## Jill Bennett

**Hometown:** Grants Pass, OR

**Major:** Nursing

**Offices & Activities:** Ford RA, Life Group Leader, Olsen RA. Track, intramural soccer.

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Matthew 6: 34

**Best Memory at NNU:** Being a bit of a procrastinator I put off writing a 35 page paper until the day before it was due. Then my computer crashed and I had to start over at 6pm. One 12 cup pot of coffee and several hand cramps later I finished and printed my paper at 7:50am. Due at 8am. Needless to say I learned my lesson when I got my grade back, 94%. Procrastination works.





## Kelsey Bourne

**Hometown:** Shoreline, WA

**Major:** Business Administration

**Offices & Activities:** Accounting Club, VP

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing. -Agatha Christie

**Best Memory at NNU:** Calling my roommates last semester after I found out I'd be able to come to school part time during chemo.



## Kaylee Bunn

**Hometown:** Eagle, Idaho

**Major:** Secondary Education, English & History teaching

**Offices & Activities:** I'm the SGA Campus Ministries Coordinator next year, and this year I was in England studying abroad!

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** John 14:12-14

**Best Memory at NNU:** Once upon a time, the theme of the end of the year Ford banquet was black and white. While many girls broke out the old high school prom dresses, our wing decided to attend the shindig in matching black and white bath towels and shower caps. Maybe it got a little chilly, and maybe we had to use our napkins as shawls to keep our shoulders warm, but it was a price we were willing to pay.



## Kelsie Carlson

**Name:** Kelsie Carlson

**Hometown:** Johannesburg, South Africa

**Major:** Elementary Education

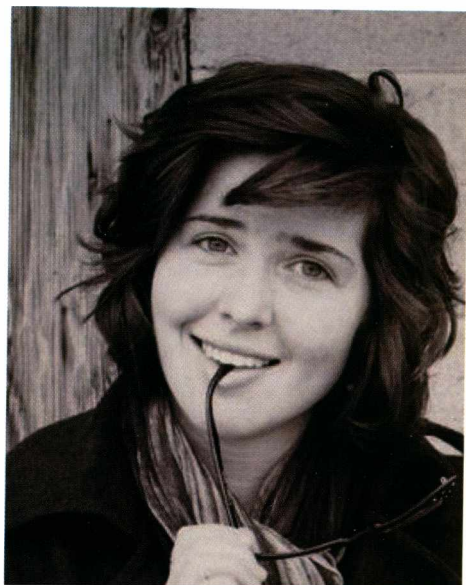
**Offices & Activities:** Peer Mentor 2010-11, Multicultural Club Treasurer & Floor Member, Intramurals, Community Committee, Sunday School Teacher

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** "Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23

**Honors & Achievements:** Dean's List, Senior Class Queen, Junior Class Princess

**Best Memory at NNU:** TWIRP Sophomore Year.





## Erin Diefenbach

**Hometown:** Arcadia, CA

**Major:** Psychology (minor: philosophy)

**Offices & Activities:** Bella Voce, Northwesterners, Psychology Club Secretary, Bible Study Leader, Covenant Treasurer, Brick House Resident, Witness Group Leader, Senior Class Senator, Crusader Choir Chaplain

**Favorite Verse:** Galatians 6:14

**Honors & Achievements:** Soph. Homecoming Princess

**Best Memories at NNU:** All things associated with travel groups; prayer partners, 5-hour long witness meetings, cova-breakfast, cova-girls meetings, cova-couple, "Covatron", "Witnasty", tiny Idahoan towns no one has ever heard of, camp cabin bonding, losing credit cards/van keys, laundry days, ALASKA, midgets, wildlife, and so many more!



## Lauren Hartford

**Hometown:** Olympia, WA

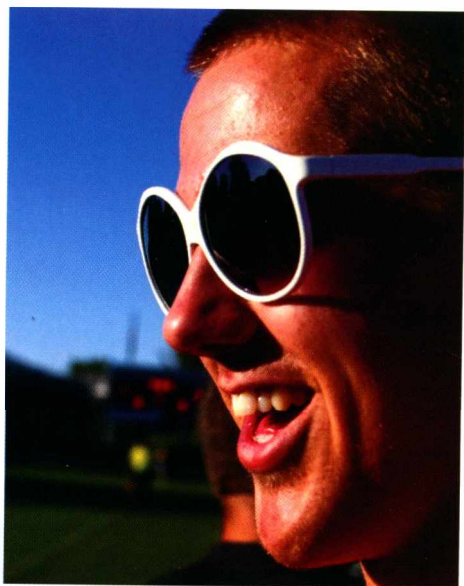
**Major:** Business Administration & Marketing

**Offices & Activities:** AMA Club President, Senior Class Senator, Class Council (all 4 years), Holly RA '11-'12, Peer Mentor, Freshman Dorm Council, Student Ambassador, Salt & Light Club, AMA Collegiate Conference Presenter.

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Psalm 73:26

**Honors & Achievements:** Dean's List, Social Venture Competition Winner

**Best Memory at NNU:** Traveling to New Orleans for AMA; crazy adventures with roomies & friends! Being an RA with Jered for the wonderful Kylee!



## Ben Heidegger

**Hometown:** Medford, Oregon

**Major:** Mass Communication

**Offices & Activities:** SGA Community Relations & Campus Ministries Coordinator; Peer Mentor; Track and Field

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Circumstances don't matter. Romans 8:39

**Honors & Achievements:** Lambda Pi Eta member, Phi Delta Lambda member

**Best Memory at NNU:** My favorite memory of NNU was the 5 days of prayer, worship and fasting that we had in January of this year. I have never been filled with more joy, hope, and peace, or felt more like I was part of a loving community, than during that week.





## Maurus Hope

**Hometown:** Heidelberg, Germany

**Major:** Chemistry (BS)

**Offices & Activities:** Captain on the track team, president of the Multicultural Club, treasurer of FCA, science tutor

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Job 19:25

**Honors:** Homecoming King, GNAC Indoor Athlete of the Year, Deans List (4 years), NCAA All-Academic Team

**Best Memory at NNU:** Living with all my friends



## Stevi Knight

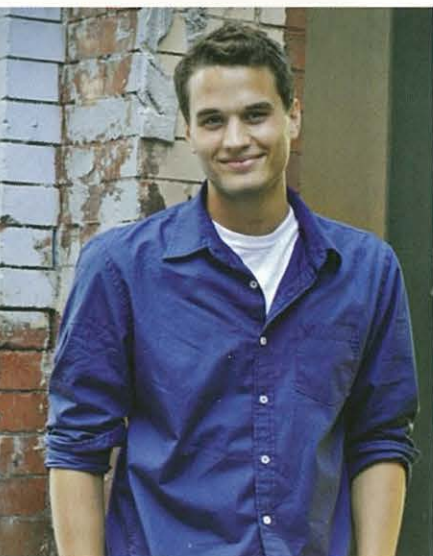
**Hometown:** Vancouver, WA

**Major:** Secondary social science education

**Offices & Activities:** SGA executive secretary, junior class council social board, ministry club coordinator, bella voce

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Isaiah 46:4 "I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

**Best Memory at NNU:** The 10 hour, 6 couple date. My freshman year, 5 of my friends and I took upperclassmen on a date to Boise. We went to the zoo, then to ice cream, and then headed up to the hot springs. Such a fun memory full of the people that have made my years at NNU memorable.



## Ryan Mangum

**Hometown:** Battle Ground, WA

**Major:** Psychology w/ Dual Emphasis: Scientist/Practitioner & Neuroscience

**Offices & Activities:** Psych Club Vice President, Senate Chief Justice, Sutherland RA, Freshman Class Council Chaplain

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Psalm 27:14

**Honors & Achievements:** President's Scholar, Dean's List, Psi Chi Member, Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient, Guy E. Sharp Scholarship, C.D. Simpson Psychology Scholarship, Best Research of '10 NNU Psychology Forum, Phi Delta Lambda Member

**Best Memory at NNU:** Our Sutherland RA initiation where we "almost" rode bikes from the Capitol to campus in dresses; thanks for saving us, Trygg!





## Emily Ogle

**Hometown:** Sandpoint, ID

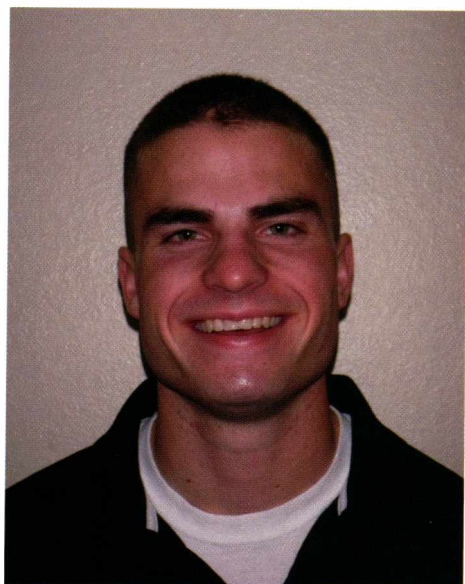
**Major:** Biology

**Offices and Activities:** Brick House Director, Study Abroad in Costa Rica, Biology TA

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** "As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart." Proverbs 27:19

**Honors and Achievements:** INBRE Research Fellowship 2011, Phi Delta Lambda, Dean's List

**Best Memory at NNU:** Late nights in the science building with great friends.



## Andrew Olsen

**Hometown:** Missoula, MT

**Major:** Biology w/ an emphasis in Ecology & Biodiversity

**Office and Activities:** Former president of College Republicans, former officer in Student Managed Fund, semester abroad in Costa Rica, member of the Herpetology Lab, Student Ambassador

**Favorite Verse:** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Romans 8:26

**Honors and Achievements:** Deans list, Phi Delta Lambda President's Scholar, oral presentation on Herpetology Lab research at the Murdock Charitable Trust Conference

**Best Memory at NNU:** All of the pranks I participated in freshman year in the guys dorm.



## Kelsey Shacklett

**Hometown:** Okanogan, WA

**Major:** Secondary Education: Kinesiology, Health, & History

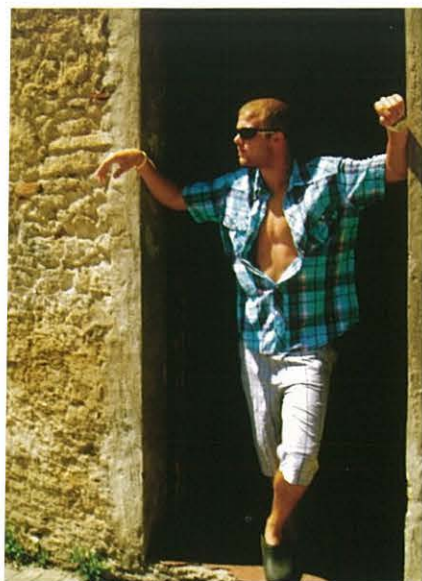
**Offices & Activities:** Ford RA, SGA Athletic Liason, SGA Secretary, Womens Basketball Team Student Assistant

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Ephesians 3:14-19

**Honors & Achievements:** Kinesiology Student of the Year, Dean's List

**Best Memory at NNU:** Crazy nights on desk at Ford, Amazing SGA endeavors, and all the important conversations with professors that made a difference.





## CJ Shula

**Hometown:** South Hill, WA

**Major:** Pre-Physical Therapy

**Offices & Activities:** Men's Basketball (all 4 years), Corlett RA 2010-2011

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Galatians 1:10

**Honors & Achievements:** Men's Basketball Team Captain 2010-2011 & 2011-2012, Dean's List

**Best Memory at NNU:** Spring Break in Pheonix, AZ & Sand Diego, CA



## Josh Siverson

**Hometown:** Nampa, Idaho

**Major:** Business Administration and Economics

**Offices & Activities:** Student Managed Fund President & Value Portfolio Manager. American Marketing Association President & Vice President of Fundraising.

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** Genesis 12:2

**Honors & Achievements:** Finalist in 2011 National Economic Insider Symposium. 2012 NNU Social Venture Competition Winning Team. Recipient of Wall Street Journal award, NNU Dean's list. Member of Delta Mu Delta, Phi Delta Lambda, Omicron Delta Epsilon.

**Best Memory at NNU:** The best memory of NNU is the friends I was able to meet that opened so many opportunities and experiences to me.



## Barak Watson

**Hometown:** Nampa, ID

**Major:** Double Major in Business Administration and Business Management

**Offices & Activities:** Cross Country and Track, FCA Huddle Leader

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14

**Honors & Achievements:** 3 All-Conference honors, 2 All-American honors, Cross Country, 5 All-Conference honors, 1 Conference Title, Indoor Track

**Best Memory at NNU:** Traveling to and from meets for Cross Country and Track.





## David Webb

**Hometown:** Murrieta, California

**Major:** Elementary Education

**Offices & Activities:** I'm a member of the Idaho Education Association. I also spent my entire year as a student teacher in a 5th grade classroom.

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou

**Honors & Achievements:** 2011 Senior Class Homecoming Prince & Dean's list six consecutive semesters.

**Best Memory at NNU:** The first day I taught an Elementary School classroom for an entire day completely on my own without supervision!



## Ryan Wirick

**Hometown:** Anchorage, AK

**Major:** Pre-Med

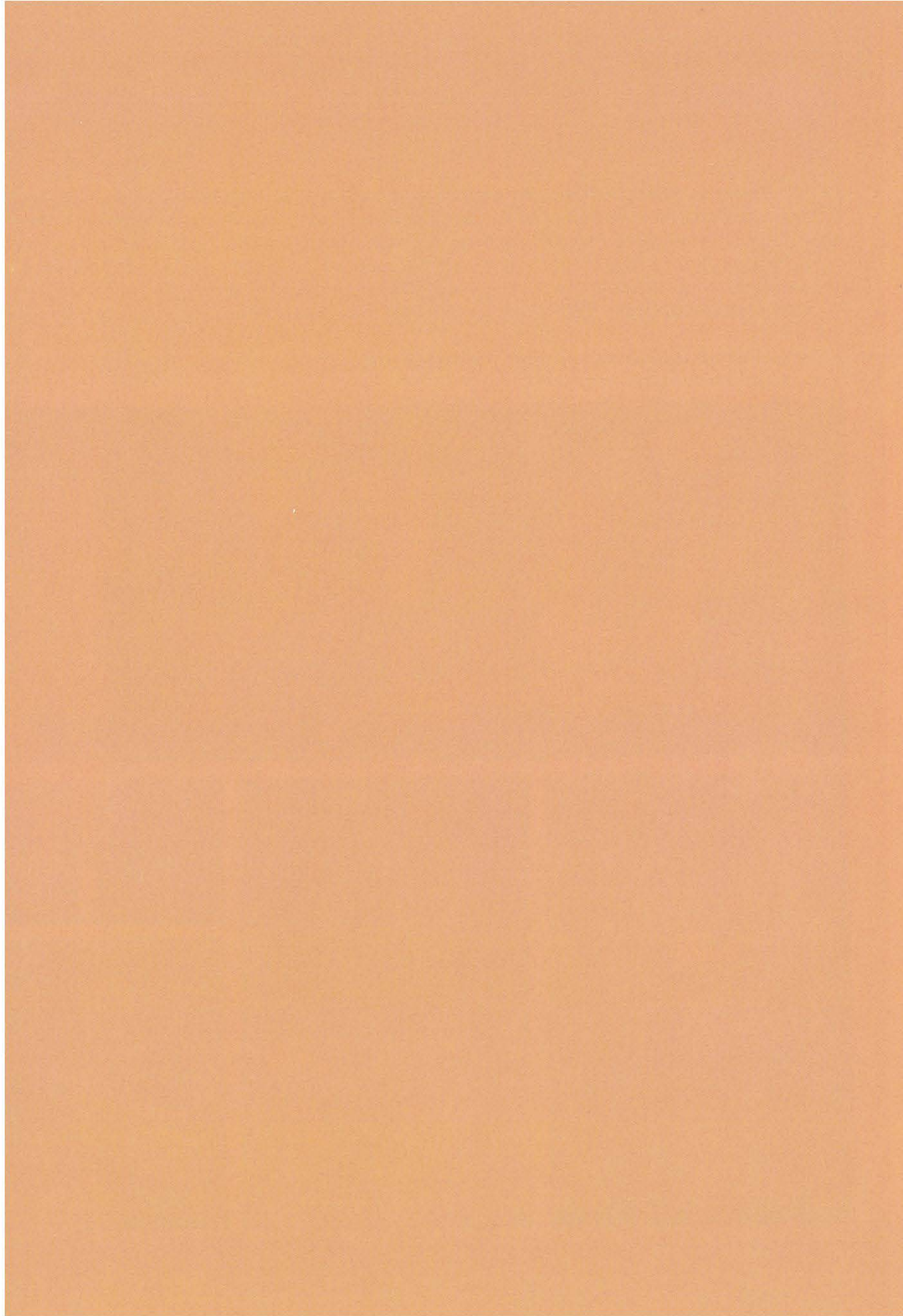
**Offices & Activities:** RA 2 years

**Favorite Verse or Quote:** "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him." sums things up

**Honors:** Deans List, Phi Delta Lambda

**Best Memory at NNU:** Spring Break Gold Panning Trip on the Salmon River.

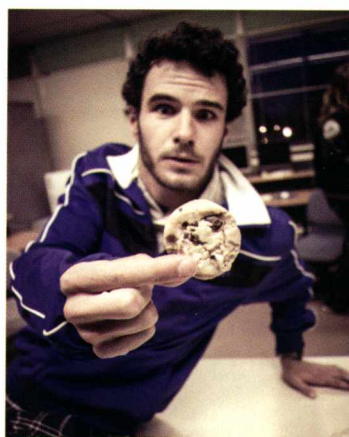






# crusader news

The Crusader newspaper is the source that gives students all the latest happenings at NNU. From cover stories to sports updates, the Crusader gives the students on campus a sure-fire lunchtime conversation. Chief Editor Rachel Beers and her staff worked hard to consistently produce a news source that not only keeps students up-to-date on recent campus activities but also gives them inside looks at the lives of favorite professors, graduated alumni and soon-to-be-graduating seniors. NNU students often save themselves from boredom by conquering the weekly Sudoku and crossword puzzles. The paper even gives students a chance to be involved and make their voice heard through guest opinion articles as well as seeking advice from "Mama Mandy".







## Nampa: What To Do?

By Kori Rayborn

### Did You Know?

Did you know that Nampa was once known as “New Jerusalem” due to its strongly religious citizens?

Did you know that the reason Nampa’s streets run Northeast to Southwest instead of North to South is due to Nampa’s railroad city past when streets were built perpendicular to the city’s railroads?

Did you know that the Treasure Valley area around Nampa is known as Idaho’s Banana Belt?

Did you know that Nampa has 25 parks and the largest is Lakeview Park?

### What Is There To Do Here?

Despite its seemingly lack of eventfulness, Nampa may just surprise you. There is actually quite an array of fun things to do and interesting places to go, you just have to know where to look. Below you will find just a small slice of what Nampa has to offer.

#### Antique Mall and Coffee House – 1210 1st St.

Just a short bike ride away, a small but unique coffee house/teahouse attached to the old downtown antique mall.

#### Pearson’s Twice Sold Tales – 1215 1st St.

Weave through the rows of used books and make your way up stairs to find a quaint little café and coffee bar, a great place to get away and do some reading.

#### Karcher Mall – 1509 Caldwell Blvd.

Appearances are not everything; Karcher Mall is actually the oldest mall in Idaho, if you don’t want to go shopping, well at least go for the history!

#### Stone Creek Cafe – 1730 Garrity Blvd.

A small diner, it is the second of its kind opened by its local owners. They are confident they will be having their grand opening sometime this next week.

#### Float the river – Barber Park Boise, ID

So its not quite a Nampa attraction, but is not that far away and it’s free! Start off at Barber Park and enjoy the six-mile float down the river. Just a heads up though, boogie boards are not allowed...

#### Copper Canyon Restaurant – 113 13th Ave. S.

A little on the pricier side, this restaurant is great for special events or just a good excuse to get amazing steak or seafood. This place was rated #1 out of 59 Nampa restaurants on TripAdvisor.com.

#### Puffy Mondaes – 200 12th Ave. South

Fun and edgy, Puffy Mondaes is not your average craft store. Besides providing for all your basic crafty needs, Puffy Mondaes also offers classes on a wide variety of topics from knitting to making mosaic mirrors. They also offer fun events throughout the year such as paint your own pair of Toms.

#### Eli’s Italian Bakery and Deli – 122 12th Ave.

A tiny downtown restaurant on the corner of 12th and 2nd, the restaurant has just reopened after changing hands to a new Italian family.

#### Nampa Reel Theatre – 2104 Caldwell Blvd.

Nampa Reel Theatre is a great place to hang out for the poor college student. Tuesdays and midnight showings are only a \$1 and all other times are \$2.





# Trygg Leaves SGA for Cancer Treatment; Skinner Steps In

By Zac Kinman

As the student body returned from Christmas break, many quickly became aware of Student Government Association President Jared Trygg announcing he will be taking a leave of absence. "I am withdrawing from school, and headed to Seattle, Washington, in order to pursue treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system. The treatment should take about three months to complete, and I am hoping to return to watch my class graduate. I will re-enroll in school in the Fall of 2012" said Trygg.

Kenton Lee, assistant director of campus life, commends Trygg on his strong leadership, love for students, and his friendship during his time of service. "Jared has such a heart for the students. He was always on their side advocacy on their behalf. He poured himself into his friends and the underclassmen and I believe the community on campus is better because of the character and leadership of Jared" said Lee.

While Trygg is getting treatment, Vice President Robby Skinner will assume SGA Presidential duties for the remainder of the semester because of rules set in the agreed upon SGA constitution.

Article XII, section 9 states, "upon the vacancy of the office of the President, the Executive Vice President shall assume the office of the President. The usual procedures shall be followed in the filling of the vacancy in the off of the Executive Vice President."

Even after leaving Friday, Trygg is confident about his treatment and the future of SGA. "Robby has the experience as an executive member of SGA, which will provide a foundation for a smooth transition. He will not just lead his team and the student body, but more importantly, seek to serve the student body's needs and interests" commented Trygg.

Skinner, who attended a San Diego leadership conference this past week is thankful for Trygg's calm consistency and interest in the lives of every member of SGA shown during his time in leadership. Skinner is also confident he is the right person to step in at this time. "I believe I have an adequate amount of knowledge and insight into the Code and Constitution of the Students of NNU. I have served in Senate in the legislative branch and have served on SGA in the executive branch. This diversity allows me to understand both sides of the government process and make informed decisions."

When asked about the transition process, Skinner also said he will be faced with the challenge of adapting to the new position while training the new member.

The future new member of SGA will take over Skinner's old position, Executive Vice President and had until yesterday to commit to the election process.

As for Trygg, he will still be available by email and says the ongoing support from the NNU community has and will continue to have a huge impact on his life. "Please keep me in your prayers. There is no substitute for the impact prayer can have on a person's life and on a community. I have been overwhelmed, in a good way, by the prayer and encouragement I have already received and more of the same would be a great blessing" said Trygg.



## 2011: A Year In Review

### Environmental Year In Review

By Josh Prestin

While I would gleefully sing out a spiteful piece on how 2011 was a lackluster environmental year for our world, instead I'll attempt a note of optimism. In 2011 the electric car attained mainstream popularity. The Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf have now survived a year of quiet existence, to massive applause from auto-industry critics. As if an indicator of the previously mentioned success, oil pipelines suffered tremendously over the past twelve months; sadly, wilderness suffered with them. The Yellowstone River received a complimentary oil bath, courtesy of Exxon, but on a brighter note, more recent developments regarding the proposed Keystone XL pipeline signify hope. The turn of a new year brought about a promisingly negative Presidential response to the Keystone XL, which should shield our waterways from yet another metallic eyesore. On the note of protecting our waterways, I should mention another significant environmental battle of 2011—uranium mining and the Grand Canyon. While a decision was reached only days ago, for residents of Northern Arizona and wilderness lovers everywhere, 2011 was comprised of one grand environmental battle over the prospect of new uranium mining operations both in, and around the Grand Canyon. While one national park gained temporary protection, another reported its second highest attendance numbers in history. Yellowstone was attended by nearly 3.4 million visitors in 2011, second only to the 2010 record of 3.6 million. Maybe it was just a little too far out of reach for the burgeoning posse of Volts and Leafs.

### Occupy Wall Street

By Kori Rayborn

Occupy Wall Street protests began in September 2011 in Zuccotti Park as a reaction to our country's past few years of economic recession and corporate corruption. The dissenting opinions ranged from the protest of high unemployment and corporate greed and corruption, all the way down to issues like that of economic inequality.

The situation highlights all too clearly the discontentment of American citizens towards the economy and towards the



corporate greed and corruption that helped get us to where we are today. The protest has had a lot of controversy surrounding it as well as surrounding the protest's motives, but no one seems to disagree that the economy stinks.

The question we must now face is, do we keep asking the government to fix our situation? Or do we begin to fix it ourselves? The government cannot regulate greed any more than they can regulate human nature. We, as individuals, however, are the ones who can make a difference.

How can we make a difference? As followers of Christ, we have a responsibility to help our neighbors and communities through this time of economic instability. We also have responsibility for the way we conduct our lives and our business. Can we bring our economy back around? Yes, if we can stand and face it together.

## **The Royal Wedding**

By Anja Kurtagic

Without a doubt, the biggest wedding of 2011 (or of the last decade) was The Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine "Kate" Middleton. The couple, who first started dating in 2003, said their "I Do's" in a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey in London on April 29th of last year.

The much talked about event was reported to have been viewed by 2 billion people in more than 180 countries. Of those, only 1,900 were actually invited to the service, including members of the Royal family, members of government, David and Victoria Beckham, Elton John, and many more. William's younger brother, Prince Harry, was the best man, and Kate's sister, Pippa, the Maid of Honor. William proposed to Kate the previous October in Kenya with his late mother Princess Diana's ring.

The hour-long ceremony that seemed to bring all the world together for a moment was overall very traditional, with a few exceptions. Along with the actual service, one thing that the press could not stop reporting on was the attire at the wedding. After all, who could forget Princess Beatrice and Eugenie's hats? Kate's Alexander McQueen inspired wedding dress was the perfect combination of traditional and modern, with the train measuring just over 6 feet long. One interesting fact is that Kate is actually the oldest royal bride ever, marrying at age 29.

From the guest list to the wardrobe to the most anticipated kiss of the year, The Royal Wedding crowns in at number one in 2011's best weddings.



## **The Top 10 Ridiculous Obsessions of 2011**

By Brenna Monahan

### **1. Quoting Charlie Sheen**

"Duh, winning!" "I got tiger blood man." and "I'm on a drug... it's called Charlie Sheen." Kids, don't do drugs, especially one called Charlie Sheen.

### **2. Judgment Day**

The world was supposed to end! According to a man named Harold Camping, Heaven is no longer accepting applications for admittance. Well darn.

### **3. "Friday" by Rebecca Black**

This song is the most off-putting, ridiculous, annoyingly catchy song in the history of music. Why on Earth did it ever become a hit? The world may never know.

### **4. Angry Birds**

This I can understand. A game where you launch birds through wood, stone, and metal to blow up some pigs- totally awesome!

### **5. Planking**

Excuse me, I've got to lay face-down and squish my face into the thing I'm laying on so I can get a cool picture. Whose brilliant idea was this and how did it catch on?

### **6. Nooks, iPads, and other tablets**

It's too much work to carry those books in a backpack or suitcase, and why would I want to turn the page when I can just drag my finger across the screen? Congratulations America, you just got even lazier.

### **7. Casey Anthony**

We all know that she probably shouldn't have gotten a not-guilty verdict, but putting her face all over T.V. and news and complaining about how she went free doesn't deter other would-be child killers, okay?

### **8. Pinterest**

For the day that I can actually afford the dream wedding that I have all planned out!

### **9. Zombies**

Run! Run for your lives! They're coming!

### **10. The Royal Wedding**

They got married, it's not like it's the end of the world!



## PostSecretNNU

By Anja Kurtagic

At any university campus throughout the country there are sure to be significant differences in student and faculties' ideas, beliefs, and, yes, even secrets. As many students already know, there is often times a stigma that comes with Christian schools such as NNU, which claims that the majority of people that attend these universities are very judgmental and critical of others. NNU is a liberal arts school that prides itself on being open and loving to all people, but it seems that a number of students think otherwise.

By this point, the majority of our school has heard of and seen the newest Facebook page dedicated specifically to the NNU community. The title of the page is "PostSecretNNU" and, since its creation, it has spread like wildfire throughout campus. The site is intended to be a place where students can anonymously create a "postcard" or comment revealing a secret they have never told anyone before. There are two rules to the page: don't include specific peoples names and respect others. The latter of the two has turned what was once a playful game into one of the most controversial things happening on campus today.

I recently got to speak with the creator of the page who, for good reason, wishes to remain anonymous. "I thought it would be a fun way for people to release some steam, or just post entertaining secrets," said PostSecret Creator, "but as the page started to grow, the way people used it started to shift. Some pretty serious secrets came out [and] debates happened." At NNU, there seems to be a divide whether students feel they can or cannot talk openly about certain topics. "I do think that there is a problem [on] campus with people being able to speak freely about their problems. There will always be someone out there who will judge us for our mistakes or even stop talking to us," said the creator of the page.

While there are many lighthearted and entertaining posts being shown, the majority of the content has turned to heavy discussions on views of homosexuality, drug use, and drinking. "I think that PostSecret could have been a great opportunity for our campus to address issues around campus, [but] along the road [it] quickly became a place for those of different beliefs to argue with one another," said sophomore Curtis Hagen.

Some students love the page and being able to say what they feel without the fear of being judged. "I think the page is a good idea," said Dan Benjamin, "it's a way for people to express how they are feeling inside when they don't feel like they could tell anyone." Others oppose the page, calling it pointless and damaging to the school reputation. "It's created more controversy and animosity... [and] is pointless," said Derek Sepe. "It should be removed." The site's creator, however, says that he/she won't erase the page, but if students discontinue posting new secrets it will eventually fade away. Over the course of its run thus far, there have been three attempts by various students to shut down the page by changing the PostSecret email password, which disallowed students to make posts. Each time, it was regained by the creator of the site quickly and a new form of submitting had to be made.

As for what is said on the site, the PostSecret Creator says, "I really don't have control over what direction the page takes. I don't censor 'too risky' or 'too inappropriate' posts, but I will censor posts and secrets that do not comply to the rules

of the page." Overall, the site creator says that they like what has happened with the page in terms of people stepping up and trying to reach out to those in need, which is definitely a positive that has come out of the controversy. Whether you love it, hate it, or simply don't understand it, it seems that PostSecretNNU is here to stay and it's up to all of us to decide which direction it will take next.



## NASA Welcomes NNU Students to Microgravity University Again

By Anja Kurtagic

Northwest Nazarene University received word from NASA today that its Team Super-Hydro will be able to participate in the 2012 Microgravity University program for the second consecutive year. The team will be flying on the famous "Weightless Wonder" April 12-21 to conduct a new experiment using the same super-hydrophobic material used in last year's experiment.

The 2012 experiment will extend the team's research on the super-hydrophobic surfaces by focusing on its application in water purification systems aboard space craft.

The team will work to separate the water vapor from liquid water in a passive, phase-separation system. In this process, the impurities stay behind in the liquid while the vapor goes on to be cleaned, condensed and re-used.

Team leader Kevin Halle (Edmonds, Wash.) explains, "NASA's Waste Management Department wants us to test how the maximum amount of water, vapor or liquid can be retrieved from the waste "brine" produced in the space station's filtration system.

The current water purification method leaves a small amount of brine after the process. Our experiment tests a possible addition to the current system that would recover even more water from that brine without using a significant amount of additional energy."

Several new students joined four returning team members to take on a second year of Microgravity University. The team consists of Dorothy Ackerman (Great Falls, Mont.), Kevin Halle (Edmonds, Wash.), Chad Larson (Medford, Ore.), Darrell Leber (Nampa, Idaho), Keith Moilanen (Brush Prairie, Wash.), Weston Patrick (Wasilla, Alaska) and Grady Turner (Nampa, Idaho).

Dr. Dan Lawrence, chair of engineering and physics at NNU states, "I am thrilled. This is an incredible opportunity for our



students and faculty, and shows the significant educational research experience all our students receive under the guidance of their professors. Our students are ambitious and deserving of this opportunity of distinction."

Microgravity University is designed to expose these promising young engineers to NASA operations, enabling them to gain research experience and to play a role in advancing America's space program.

The NNU team was accepted into Microgravity University's Systems Engineering Educational Discovery (SEED) program segment, which pairs project concepts proposed by NASA principal investigators with student teams. Other teams accepted represent the brightest young engineers and scientists in the country, from universities such as MIT, Purdue, Yale and Caltech.

While on site at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas next spring, four NNU students and one faculty will perform their experiment aboard a specially-equipped NASA aircraft nicknamed the "Weightless Wonder" or commonly referred to as the "Vomit Comet."

This jet performs a series of 30 successive parabolic roller-coaster-like flight maneuvers over the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in 25 seconds of zero gravity at the top and 25 seconds of double gravity at the bottom of each cycle.

"This is, once again, the opportunity of a lifetime for all of us, and we are thrilled to get this chance to fly again. Now it's time for the real work to begin," Halle said.

## **The Beard Will Reign in Glory: Dr. Alexander's Quest to Decembeard**

By Arielle Chao

During the first chapel of the new semester President Dr. Alexander kept his word to the Northwest Nazarene University students and community. He shaved his "Decembeard" in front of a packed out chapel.

Dr. Alexander participated in Decembeard, only after students formed a Dr. Alexander No Shave November facebook page encouraging the President to partake in the coveted tradition. Dr. Alexander said, he had junior Chris Peck and his annoying persistence to thank for the birth of Decembeard, however even with the facebook page Dr. Alexander still declined the No Shave November offer.

Due to scheduling conflicts the president declined, but soon after proposed the idea for Decembeard. For 37 days Dr. Alexander grew out his scruff for the enjoyment of the student body. There was one condition to the beard however, at the first chapel of the semester students were asked to donate one dollar for an international student that needed financial help. Of the money donated Dr. Alexander would match penny for penny.

I sat down with the president post beard and got an insight into the 37 days of the beard. During our interview Dr. Alexander wrote a check for the grand total of 1,526 dollars, thus making the student body contribution 763 dollars. Dr. Alexander did not reveal the name of the student to which the funds would be helping. All he commented on was how proud he was of the student body to help the student stay at NNU. When asked to describe his experience in one word he said; itchy. He said he had a mustache when he was first married but shaved

it off when he had kids. As for the experience he said, "every man once in his life wonders what it would be like to grow a beard, its fun to see the forest sprout."

The one thing he will take away from the experience is how much he likes a clean-shaven kiss from his wife. Changing his tone he said he was happy with the unexpected serendipity of how the experience helped him connect with students. He said it was something that we had not expected.

Although the president thought the beard made him look as if he was in retirement, he was surprised how many people liked the beard. However students should not be expecting this to be an annual tradition. But there is still hope, for my last question I asked the president if he would ever up the stakes and shave his head. Much to my surprised the president said yes, with the stipulation of a five digit donation amount, to be specific the minimum would be 10,000, and of course a very worthy cause.

So don't lose hope NNU community, you have 11 months to prepare.

## **Top Ten Ways You Know That You Survived Summer of 2011**

By David Webb

10) If the biggest joy in returning to college is getting away from your parents.

9) If you remember where you were when you heard Amy Winehouse died.

8) If you were all excited to move back on campus until you ate at "The Dex."

7) If your new and biggest motivation for staying in college is from having been around your friends from high school for four months.

6) If you can no longer stand the song "Rolling In The Deep" by Adele.

5) If you still don't know why you're supposed to like Google+.

4) If you're in a panic wondering whether or not Apple products will be good anymore.

3) If you love all of the pretty rainbow colors of New York.

2) If you secretly felt that you were the only one who didn't truly understand what "the debt ceiling" was.

1) If your childhood finally came to a "magical" end.



## oasis staff

As last year's Oasis Staff left behind some pretty big shoes to fill, this year's staff strived to do our best in making the 2011-2012 Oasis one worth keeping. The Editor-in-Chief, Mari Mangum, along with the rest of her staff, spent long hours working on the design and content of this book, hoping to make it special. Pages upon pages are filled with beautiful photographs and copy to help you cherish each of the memories you made. We hope that this yearbook finds you looking back on this year of college with fond memories you can keep forever.











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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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